



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 Statistical Report
Washington County, MD

County accounted for 3.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1166	Animal Exposures	46
< 12 months	56	Information Calls	619
1 year	196		
2 years	204		
3 years	106		
4 years	55		
5 years	32		
6-12 years	88		
13-19 years	71		
Adult	358		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	963
General	723
Environmental	6
Occupational	12
Therapeutic Error	117
Misuse	63
Bite or Sting	18
Food Poisoning	6
Intentional	178
Suspected Suicide	123
Misuse	25
Abuse	27
Unknown	3
Other	25
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	16
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Unknown	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	873
Healthcare Facility	258
Other	21
Refused Referral	14

Medical Outcome

No Effect	389
Minor Effect	679
Moderate Effect	51
Major Effect	5
Death	2
Other/Unknown	40

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Topical medicines (for the skin)
4. Foreign bodies
5. Analgesics (pain relievers)
6. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Plants
8. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)
9. Antimicrobials
10. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Pesticides
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. Foreign bodies
4. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
5. Cold and cough medicines
6. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Topical medicines (for the skin)
8. Cosmetics and personal care products
9. Other/Unknown nondrug substances
10. Anticonvulsants

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Hormones
6. Anticonvulsants
7. Antihistamines
8. Cosmetics and personal care products
9. Household cleaning products
10. Antimicrobials