



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

**2008 Statistical Report
Montgomery County, MD**

NOTE: *This report reflects only the calls to the Maryland Poison Center from Montgomery County. For complete statistics regarding Montgomery County, statistics from the National Capitol Poison Center should also be consulted.*

County accounted for 1.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	463	Animal Exposures	109
< 12 months	26	Information Calls	316
1 year	82		
2 years	67		
3 years	28		
4 years	18		
5 years	12		
6-12 years	36		
13-19 years	31		
Adult	162		
Unknown age	1		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	380
General	260
Environmental	8
Occupational	4
Therapeutic Error	44
Misuse	44
Bite or Sting	7
Food Poisoning	12
Unknown	1
Intentional	64
Suspected Suicide	44
Misuse	10
Abuse	9
Unknown	1
Other	19
Contamination/Tampering	7
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	4
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Unknown Reason	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	373
Healthcare Facility	81
Other	5
Refused Referral	4

Medical Outcome

No Effect	151
Minor Effect	272
Moderate Effect	13
Major Effect	1
Death	0
Other/Unknown	26

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Foreign bodies
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. *(tie)* Household cleaning products
Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Plants
7. Food products/food poisoning
8. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Pesticides
8. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Deodorizers

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Food products/food poisoning
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Antihistamines
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
6. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Cosmetics and personal care products
Stimulants and street drugs
Topical medicines (for the skin)
Unknown drug

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Household cleaning products
6. Pesticides
7. *(tie)* Alcohols
Food products/food poisoning
9. Anticonvulsants
10. *(tie)* Antimicrobials
Bites and stings
Cold and cough medicines
Hormones