



**Maryland Poison Center**  
*University of Maryland School of Pharmacy*

**2008 Statistical Report**  
**Somerset County, MD**

Somerset County accounted for 0.4% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>13</b>
< 12 months	8	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>211</b>
1 year	19		
2 years	24		
3 years	9		
4 years	5		
5 years	4		
6-12 years	17		
13-19 years	9		
Adult	60		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>137</b>
General	79
Occupational	2
Therapeutic Error	32
Misuse	21
Food Poisoning	3
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>13</b>
Suspected Suicide	10
Abuse	2
Unknown	1
<b>Other</b>	<b>5</b>
Adverse Reaction/Drug	5

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	111
Healthcare Facility	36
Other	6
Refused Referral	2

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	41
Minor Effect	99
Moderate Effect	6
Major Effect	3
Death	0
Other/Unknown	6

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**Most common exposures, children under 6 years:**

1. (*tie*) Cosmetics and personal care products  
Topical medicines (for the skin)
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Vitamins
5. (*tie*) Antihistamines  
Household cleaning products  
Pesticides
8. (*tie*) Cold and cough medicines  
Electrolytes and minerals  
Foreign bodies  
Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

**Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:**

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Foreign bodies
4. (*tie*) Analgesics (pain relievers)  
Antihistamines  
Antimicrobials  
Cold and cough medicines

**Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:**

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. (*tie*) Analgesics (pain relievers)  
Heart medicines
4. Antidepressants
5. Pesticides
6. (*tie*) Alcohols  
Cosmetics and personal care products  
Topical medicines (for the skin)
9. (*tie*) Anticonvulsants  
Diuretics  
Hormones  
Household cleaning products