



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

**2008 Statistical Report**  
**Washington County, MD**

County accounted for 3.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1133</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>60</b>
< 12 months	60	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>565</b>
1 year	202		
2 years	187		
3 years	82		
4 years	60		
5 years	22		
6-12 years	85		
13-19 years	79		
Adult	350		
Unknown age	6		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>937</b>
General	656
Environmental	8
Occupational	18
Therapeutic Error	128
Misuse	117
Bite or Sting	9
Food Poisoning	1
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>155</b>
Suspected Suicide	103
Misuse	29
Abuse	16
Unknown	7
<b>Other</b>	<b>41</b>
Contamination/tampering	16
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	10
Adverse Reaction/Other	8
Unknown	1

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	868
Healthcare Facility	220
Other	30
Refused Referral	14

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	356
Minor Effect	675
Moderate Effect	63
Major Effect	8
Death	2
Other/Unknown	29

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

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Foreign bodies
4. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Analgesics (pain relievers)
6. *(tie)* Antihistamines  
Cold and cough medicines
8. Vitamins
9. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products  
Hormones

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants  
Antihistamines  
Foreign bodies
7. Household cleaning products
8. Stimulants and street drugs
9. *(tie)* Antidepressants  
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Household cleaning products
4. Antidepressants
5. Heart medicines
6. *(tie)* Alcohols  
Anticonvulsants
8. Antihistamines
9. Cosmetics and personal care products
10. *(tie)* Hydrocarbons  
Muscle relaxants