



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

**2009 Statistical Report**  
**Anne Arundel County, MD**

County accounted for 13.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>4966</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>319</b>
< 12 months	248	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>2320</b>
1 year	843		
2 years	832		
3 years	321		
4 years	151		
5 years	99		
6-12 years	344		
13-19 years	320		
Adult	1783		
Unknown age	25		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>3900</b>
General	2509
Environmental	79
Occupational	71
Therapeutic Error	670
Misuse	477
Bite or Sting	67
Food Poisoning	25
Unknown	2
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>910</b>
Suspected Suicide	605
Misuse	146
Abuse	118
Unknown	41
<b>Other</b>	<b>156</b>
Contamination/Tampering	28
Malicious	9
Adverse Reaction/Drug	76
Adverse Reaction/Other	22
Other/Unknown	21

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	3561
Healthcare Facility	1289
Other	76
Refused Referral	37
Unknown	3

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	1525
Minor Effect	3007
Moderate Effect	249
Major Effect	20
Death	2
Other/Unknown	163

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

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics
3. Household cleaning products
4. Foreign bodies
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Antihistamines
7. Vitamins
8. Antimicrobials
9. Plants
10. Pesticides

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. (*tie*) Antihistamines  
Alcohols
5. Stimulants and street drugs
6. Antidepressants
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Foreign bodies
9. Cough and cold medicines
10. Antimicrobials

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

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