



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2009 Statistical Report
Cecil County, MD

County accounted for 2.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1017	Animal Exposures	49
< 12 months	45	Information Calls	466
1 year	127		
2 years	178		
3 years	70		
4 years	39		
5 years	25		
6-12 years	59		
13-19 years	98		
Adult	374		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	724
General	481
Environmental	6
Occupational	18
Therapeutic Error	120
Misuse	84
Bite or Sting	8
Food Poisoning	7
Intentional	263
Suspected Suicide	163
Misuse	45
Abuse	42
Unknown	13
Other	30
Contamination/Tampering	3
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	12
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Unknown	7

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	624
Healthcare Facility	360
Other	19
Refused Referral	14

Medical Outcome

No Effect	290
Minor Effect	616
Moderate Effect	60
Major Effect	9
Death	1
Other/Unknown	41

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Foreign bodies
4. Household cleaning products
5. Antimicrobials
6. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 Topical medicines (for the skin)
8. Electrolytes and minerals
9. Heart medicines
10. Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Alcohols
4. Antidepressants
5. Muscle relaxants
6. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 Household cleaning products
8. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
 Heart medicines
10. Stimulants and street drugs