



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

**2009 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 1.4% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	525	Animal Exposures	62
< 12 months	38	Information Calls	390
1 year	95		
2 years	94		
3 years	37		
4 years	17		
5 years	11		
6-12 years	39		
13-19 years	34		
Adult	158		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	452
General	302
Environmental	11
Occupational	2
Therapeutic Error	69
Misuse	61
Bite or Sting	1
Food Poisoning	5
Unknown	1
Intentional	47
Suspected Suicide	28
Misuse	13
Abuse	5
Unknown	1
Other	26
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	9
Adverse Reaction/Other	8
Unknown Reason	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	452
Healthcare Facility	58
Other	9
Refused Referral	6

Medical Outcome

No Effect	167
Minor Effect	332
Moderate Effect	10
Major Effect	1
Death	0
Other/Unknown	15

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Foreign bodies
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Vitamins
7. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 - Arts and crafts products
 - Plants
10. *(tie)* Antimicrobials
 - Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Foreign bodies
2. *(tie)* Pesticides
 - Vitamins
4. *(tie)* Antidepressants
 - Antihistamines
 - Antimicrobials
7. *(tie)* Alcohols
 - Analgesics (pain relievers)
 - Cosmetics and personal care products
10. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
 - Cold and cough medicines
 - Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Pesticides
3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. *(tie)* Antidepressants
 - Household cleaning products
6. Heart medicines
7. Alcohols
8. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 - Chemicals
 - Food products/food poisoning
 - Muscle relaxants
 - Other/unknown nondrug substances
 - Hormones