



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2010 Statistical Report
Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	2449	Animal Exposures	134
< 12 months	126	Information Calls	1146
1 year	368		
2 years	409		
3 years	163		
4 years	80		
5 years	53		
6-12 years	148		
13-19 years	178		
20-59 years	740		
>60 years	154		
Unknown age	30		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1831
General	1179
Environmental	38
Occupational	31
Therapeutic Error	310
Misuse	222
Bite or Sting	32
Food poisoning	18
Unkknown	1
Intentional	530
Suspected Suicide	315
Misuse	95
Abuse	96
Unknown	24
Other	88
Contamination/Tampering	8
Malicious	13
Adverse Reaction/Drug	40
Adverse Reaction/Other	9
Other/Unknown	18

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1664
Healthcare Facility	742
Other	13
Refused Referral	30

Medical Outcome

No Effect	756
Minor Effect	1427
Moderate Effect	163
Major Effect	23
Death	3
Other/Unknown	77

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Household cleaning products
4. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Foreign bodies
6. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Pesticides
8. Vitamins
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. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Antihistamines
Cold and cough medicines
6. Household cleaning products
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Foreign bodies
9. Stimulants and street drugs
10. *(tie)* Food poisoning
Vitamins

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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