



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

**2010 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 1.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	596	Animal Exposures	46
< 12 months	46	Information Calls	410
1 year	96		
2 years	106		
3 years	33		
4 years	17		
5 years	18		
6-12 years	33		
13-19 years	48		
20-59 years	147		
>60 years	48		
Unknown age	4		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	506
General	316
Environmental	9
Occupational	4
Therapeutic Error	75
Misuse	86
Bite or Sting	7
Food Poisoning	8
Unknown	1
Intentional	61
Suspected Suicide	42
Misuse	7
Abuse	6
Unknown	6
Other	29
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	11
Adverse Reaction/Other	9
Unknown Reason	4

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	503
Healthcare Facility	81
Other	2
Refused Referral	10

Medical Outcome

No Effect	199
Minor Effect	356
Moderate Effect	12
Major Effect	0
Death	0
Other/Unknown	29

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Household cleaning products
4. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Foreign bodies
6. Vitamins
7. Antihistamines
8. (tie) Arts and crafts products
 - Hormones (including diabetes and thyroid medicines)
 - Plants

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products
 - Foreign bodies
 - Stimulants and street drugs
5. (tie) Antidepressants
 - Vitamins
7. (tie) Cold and cough medicines
 - Food poisoning

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. (tie) Household cleaning products
 - Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Antidepressants
5. Cosmetics and personal care products
6. (tie) Alcohols
 - Heart medicines
8. Pesticides
9. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

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