



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

**2010 Statistical Report**  
**Washington County, MD**

County accounted for 3.2% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>52</b>
< 12 months	76	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>484</b>
1 year	185		
2 years	195		
3 years	97		
4 years	47		
5 years	28		
6-12 years	77		
13-19 years	62		
20-59 years	311		
>60 years	80		
Unknown age	4		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>947</b>
General	633
Environmental	13
Occupational	16
Therapeutic Error	139
Misuse	119
Bite or Sting	14
Food Poisoning	13
Unknown	0
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>174</b>
Suspected Suicide	123
Misuse	25
Abuse	19
Unknown	7
<b>Other</b>	<b>41</b>
Contamination/tampering	5
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	20
Adverse Reaction/Other	10
Unknown	4

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	851
Healthcare Facility	258
Other	33
Refused Referral	20

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	395
Minor Effect	668
Moderate Effect	49
Major Effect	6
Death	1
Other/Unknown	43

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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. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Foreign bodies
6. Antihistamines
7. Vitamins
8. Plants
9. Deodorizers
10. Pesticides

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Plants
4. *(tie)* Antihistamines
  - Arts and crafts products
  - Foreign bodies
7. *(tie)* Antidepressants
  - Cold and cough medicines
9. Heart medicines
10. *(tie)* Food poisoning
  - Pesticides
  - Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
  - Stimulants and street drugs

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

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
  - Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Household cleaning products
6. Alcohols
7. Antihistamines
8. Anticonvulsants
9. Electrolytes and minerals
10. Hydrocarbons