

Maryland State and County Reports for 2004

Every call that comes into the Maryland Poison Center is entered into a data collection system. Detailed information obtained at the time of the call includes patient age, gender, weight, reason for the exposure (suicidal, environmental, occupational, therapeutic error, etc), caller site and exposure site (residence, hospital, workplace, school, etc), clinical effects, substances involved in the exposure, call date and time, and zip code. Follow-up calls to the patient, care-giver or health care provider enables us to determine clinical course, additional treatments, and outcome as the cases evolve. Collecting and analyzing the data allows the Maryland Poison Center to:

- improve the treatment of poisoned patients
- identify poisoning trends
- assist in the early detection and containment of public health events affecting Maryland
- target poison prevention efforts

Highlights for 2004:

- The Maryland Poison Center received 66,593 calls; 35,484 involved a human exposure.
- 74% of all poisoning cases were safely managed at home or site of exposure.
- 53% of cases involved children under the age of 6.
- 91.7% of cases resulted in no or minor effects. There were 27 patients who died as a result of the poisoning or overdose.
- Analgesics were the most common drug substances reported. Cosmetics/personal care products were the most common non-drug substances.

The full 2004 report for Maryland is on the Maryland Poison Center's website at www.mdpoison.com .

Want data for your county?

Reports for each Maryland county and Baltimore City can also be found on the Maryland Poison Center's website at www.mdpoison.com .

DID YOU KNOW THAT... The Maryland Poison Center has data on cases transported by EMS and cases treated in Maryland hospitals?

You can find out how many cases reported to the Maryland Poison Center were treated at your hospital, how many were admitted, their outcomes and more. The poison center also has data on how many were transported by EMS providers. For more information, call or email Lisa Booze at 410-563-5583, lbooze@rx.umaryland.edu .

