



## 2016 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 5.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

### Types of Calls

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1615</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>70</b>
< 12 months	69	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>312</b>
1 year	197		
2 years	156		
3 years	90		
4 years	37		
5 years	38		
6-12 years	141		
13-19 years	182		
20-59 years	522		
>60 years	166		
Unknown age	17		

### Reason for exposure

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1189</b>
General	622
Environmental	36
Occupational	30
Therapeutic Error	267
Misuse	199
Bite or Sting	15
Food Poisoning	20
Unknown	0
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>369</b>
Suspected Suicide	255
Misuse	44
Abuse	65
Unknown	5
<b>Other</b>	<b>57</b>
Contamination/Tampering	8
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	33
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Other/Unknown	9

### Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	995
Healthcare Facility	517
Refused Referral	19
Other/Unknown	84

### Medical Outcome

No Effect	438
Minor Effect	969
Moderate Effect	115
Major Effect	9
Death	2
Other/Unknown	82

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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. Vitamins

**Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:**

1. Foreign bodies
2. Household cleaning products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Arts, crafts and office supplies

**Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:**

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants  
Antihistamines
5. Sedatives and antipsychotics

**Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:**

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Anticonvulsants

**Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:**

1. Heart medicines
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)  
Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Household cleaning products