



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2006 Statistical Report
Allegany County, MD

County accounted for 1.6% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	540	Animal Exposures	20
< 12 months	17	Information Calls	645
1 year	82		
2 years	106		
3 years	31		
4 years	15		
5 years	12		
6-12 years	33		
13-19 years	54		
Adult	187		
Unknown age	3		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	429
General	309
Environmental	7
Occupational	3
Therapeutic Error	63
Misuse	38
Bite or Sting	6
Food Poisoning	3
Intentional	101
Suspected Suicide	71
Misuse	15
Abuse	11
Unknown	4
Other	10
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	4
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Unknown	4

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	379
Healthcare Facility	146
Other	10
Refused Referral	5

Medical Outcome

No Effect	177
Minor Effect	317
Moderate Effect	25
Major Effect	5
Death	0
Other/Unknown	16

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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. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Cough and cold medicines
7. Arts and crafts products
8. Pesticides
9. Vitamins
10. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Deodorizers
Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Other/unknown non-drug substance
5. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Household cleaning products
Cosmetics and personal care products
8. *(tie)* Cough and cold medicines
Pesticides
Polishes and waxes

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Antidepressants
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Heart medicines
5. Household cleaning products
6. Alcohols
7. Hormones
8. Hydrocarbons
9. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cough and cold medicines
Cosmetics and personal care products
Topical medicines (for the skin)

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