



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2006 Statistical Report
Baltimore County, MD

County accounted for 17.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	5,701	Animal Exposures	337
< 12 months	313	Information Calls	7,363
1 year	973		
2 years	962		
3 years	410		
4 years	197		
5 years	109		
6-12 years	408		
13-19 years	450		
Adult	1,784		
Unknown age	95		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	4,767
General	3,417
Environmental	55
Occupational	72
Therapeutic Error	710
Misuse	389
Bite or Sting	81
Food Poisoning	35
Unknown	8
Intentional	790
Suspected Suicide	570
Misuse	99
Abuse	101
Unknown	20
Other	143
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	40
Adverse Reaction/Drug	61
Adverse Reaction/Other	24
Unknown	16

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	4,317
Healthcare Facility	1,210
Other	100
Refused Referral	74

Medical Outcome

No Effect	1,920
Minor Effect	3,330
Moderate Effect	207
Major Effect	23
Death	4
Other/Unknown	206

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Foreign bodies
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Cold and cough medicines
7. Vitamins
8. Pesticides
9. Plants
10. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
5. Antidepressants
6. Foreign bodies
7. Stimulants and street drugs
8. Arts and crafts products
9. Antihistamines
10. Alcohols

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Alcohols
6. Household cleaning products
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Anticonvulsants
9. Pesticides
10. Cold and cough medicines