



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

**2006 Statistical Report**  
**Charles County, MD**

County accounted for 2.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>45</b>
< 12 months	34	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>482</b>
1 year	165		
2 years	163		
3 years	74		
4 years	32		
5 years	20		
6-12 years	67		
13-19 years	77		
Adult	258		
Unknown age	2		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>749</b>
General	551
Environmental	12
Occupational	9
Therapeutic Error	88
Misuse	60
Bite or Sting	22
Food Poisoning	6
Unknown	1
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>132</b>
Suspected Suicide	88
Misuse	14
Abuse	25
Unknown	5
<b>Other</b>	<b>11</b>
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	4
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Unknown	2

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	676
Healthcare Facility	200
Other	7
Refused Referral	9

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	289
Minor Effect	532
Moderate Effect	31
Major Effect	5
Death	1
Other/Unknown	30

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**Most common exposures, children under 6 years:**

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

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. Foreign bodies
4. Antidepressants
5. Arts and crafts products
6. *(tie)* Hydrocarbons
  - Stimulants and street drugs
  - Topical medicines (for the skin)
9. *(tie)* Alcohols
  - Anticonvulsants
  - Antihistamines
  - Bites and stings

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

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Alcohols
  - Household cleaning substances
5. Cosmetics and personal care products
6. Antidepressants
7. Bites and stings
8. Antihistamines
9. Pesticides
10. Anticonvulsants