



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2006 Statistical Report
Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	235	Animal Exposures	7
< 12 months	13	Information Calls	142
1 year	35		
2 years	40		
3 years	12		
4 years	9		
5 years	4		
6-12 years	9		
13-19 years	14		
Adult	99		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	191
General	132
Environmental	3
Occupational	14
Therapeutic Error	16
Misuse	24
Bite or Sting	1
Food poisoning	1
Intentional	37
Suspected Suicide	25
Misuse	7
Abuse	3
Unknown	2
Other	7
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	4
Adverse Reaction/Other	1
Unknown	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	152
Healthcare Facility	80
Other	2
Refused Referral	1

Medical Outcome

No Effect	62
Minor Effect	149
Moderate Effect	15
Major Effect	1
Death	0
Other/Unknown	8

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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. Arts and crafts products
6. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cold and cough medicines
8. *(tie)* Antimicrobials
Topical medicines (for the skin)
10. *(tie)* Asthma medicines
Deodorizers
Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Cold and cough medicines
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Hydrocarbons
Pesticides
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
Topical medicines (for the skin)
7. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Antidepressants
Antihistamines
Chemicals
Household cleaning products
Cosmetics and personal care products
Paints and stripping agents

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Household cleaning products
4. Heart medicines
5. *(tie)* Chemicals
Cosmetics and personal care products
Fumes, gases or vapors
8. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Pesticides
10. Industrial cleaners