



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 Statistical Report
Charles County, MD

County accounted for 2.6% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	922	Animal Exposures	55
< 12 months	36	Information Calls	542
1 year	195		
2 years	151		
3 years	65		
4 years	28		
5 years	22		
6-12 years	70		
13-19 years	71		
Adult	284		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	753
General	539
Environmental	3
Occupational	8
Therapeutic Error	114
Misuse	61
Bite or Sting	21
Food Poisoning	6
Unknown	1
Intentional	147
Suspected Suicide	95
Misuse	27
Abuse	22
Unknown	3
Other	22
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	12
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Unknown	3

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	673
Healthcare Facility	239
Other	4
Refused Referral	6

Medical Outcome

No Effect	285
Minor Effect	555
Moderate Effect	52
Major Effect	3
Death	0
Other/Unknown	27

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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. Cold and cough medicines
7. (*tie*) Antihistamines
Arts and crafts products
9. Vitamins
10. Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Household cleaning products
5. (*tie*) Antihistamines
Foreign bodies
7. Stimulants and street drugs
8. Cosmetics and personal care products
9. (*tie*) Antidepressants
Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Household cleaning substances
4. Alcohols
5. Heart Medicines
6. Cold and cough medicines
7. (*tie*) Antidepressants
Hormones
9. Bites and stings
10. (*tie*) Anticonvulsants
Antihistamines