



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 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	251	Animal Exposures	13
< 12 months	16	Information Calls	126
1 year	36		
2 years	41		
3 years	18		
4 years	9		
5 years	7		
6-12 years	14		
13-19 years	18		
Adult	92		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	190
General	140
Environmental	0
Occupational	2
Therapeutic Error	29
Misuse	17
Bite or Sting	2
Food poisoning	0
Intentional	57
Suspected Suicide	40
Misuse	8
Abuse	9
Other	4
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	3
Adverse Reaction/Other	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	160
Healthcare Facility	84
Other	6
Refused Referral	1

Medical Outcome

No Effect	77
Minor Effect	153
Moderate Effect	10
Major Effect	2
Death	0
Other/Unknown	8

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Household cleaning products
6. *(tie)* Foreign bodies
 - Plants
 - Vitamins
9. *(tie)* Alcohols
 - Hormones
 - Paints and stripping agents
 - Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
 - Foreign bodies
3. Antidepressants
4. *(tie)* Alcohols
 - Cosmetics and personal care products
 - Hydrocarbons
 - Pesticides
 - Plants
 - Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
 - Heart medicines
5. Alcohols
6. Hormones
7. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
 - Household cleaning products
 - Stimulants and street drugs
10. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
 - Hydrocarbons