



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 Statistical Report
Harford County, MD

County accounted for 7.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	2490	Animal Exposures	149
< 12 months	124	Information Calls	1650
1 year	425		
2 years	423		
3 years	175		
4 years	89		
5 years	56		
6-12 years	172		
13-19 years	193		
Adult	830		
Unknown age	3		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1978
General	1419
Environmental	22
Occupational	34
Therapeutic Error	310
Misuse	151
Bite or Sting	24
Food poisoning	16
Unknown	2
Intentional	446
Suspected Suicide	326
Misuse	45
Abuse	65
Unknown	10
Other	63
Contamination/Tampering	3
Malicious	12
Adverse Reaction/Drug	31
Adverse Reaction/Other	9
Unknown	8

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1791
Healthcare Facility	650
Other	23
Refused Referral	26

Medical Outcome

No Effect	805
Minor Effect	1466
Moderate Effect	111
Major Effect	11
Death	1
Other/Unknown	93

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Alcohols
6. Household cleaning products
7. Anticonvulsants
8. Stimulants and street drugs
9. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Muscle relaxants