



2007 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 5.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1871	Animal Exposures	146
< 12 months	108	Information Calls	841
1 year	327		
2 years	320		
3 years	135		
4 years	69		
5 years	42		
6-12 years	155		
13-19 years	169		
Adult	544		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1590
General	1111
Environmental	19
Occupational	29
Therapeutic Error	258
Misuse	138
Bite or Sting	18
Food Poisoning	17
Intentional	247
Suspected Suicide	173
Misuse	39
Abuse	28
Unknown	7
Other	34
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	18
Adverse Reaction/Other	8
Unknown	5

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1479
Healthcare Facility	358
Other	20
Refused Referral	14

Medical Outcome

No Effect	687
Minor Effect	1055
Moderate Effect	68
Major Effect	6
Death	0
Other/Unknown	54

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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. Vitamins
7. Arts and crafts products
8. Antimicrobials
9. Antihistamines
10. *(tie)* Cough and cold medicines
Plants

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cough and cold medicines
3. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Antidepressants
6. Foreign bodies
7. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Stimulants and street drugs
9. Household cleaning products
10. Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Household cleaning products
5. Cosmetics and personal care products
6. Heart medicines
7. Alcohols
8. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Antimicrobials
10. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Pesticides

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