



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 Statistical Report
St. Mary's County, MD

County accounted for 2.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1,015	Animal Exposures	61
< 12 months	52	Information Calls	663
1 year	174		
2 years	166		
3 years	86		
4 years	28		
5 years	17		
6-12 years	71		
13-19 years	81		
Adult	340		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	812
General	556
Environmental	18
Occupational	16
Therapeutic Error	113
Misuse	75
Bite or Sting	23
Food Poisoning	11
Intentional	170
Suspected Suicide	114
Misuse	27
Abuse	23
Unknown	6
Other	32
Malicious	7
Adverse Reaction/Drug	18
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Unknown	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	694
Healthcare Facility	296
Other	15
Refused Referral	10

Medical Outcome

No Effect	320
Minor Effect	597
Moderate Effect	58
Major Effect	5
Death	0
Other/Unknown	34

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. Foreign bodies
4. *(tie)* Food products/food poisoning
Plants
6. Bites and stings
7. Antihistamines
8. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Alcohols
5. Muscle Relaxants
6. Household cleaning products
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Anticonvulsants
9. Heart medicines
10. Fumes, gases or vapors