



**Maryland Poison Center**  
*University of Maryland School of Pharmacy*

**2008 Statistical Report**  
**Allegany County, MD**

County accounted for 1.6% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>33</b>
< 12 months	28	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>556</b>
1 year	81		
2 years	91		
3 years	54		
4 years	10		
5 years	17		
6-12 years	35		
13-19 years	44		
Adult	223		
Unknown age	1		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>460</b>
General	297
Environmental	4
Occupational	7
Therapeutic Error	93
Misuse	49
Bite or Sting	9
Food Poisoning	1
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>105</b>
Suspected Suicide	83
Misuse	10
Abuse	10
Unknown	2
<b>Other</b>	<b>18</b>
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	4
Adverse Reaction/Drug	9
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Unknown	1

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	416
Healthcare Facility	149
Other	12
Refused Referral	7

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	187
Minor Effect	353
Moderate Effect	22
Major Effect	3
Death	1
Other/Unknown	16

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**Most common exposures, children under 6 years:**

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Topical medicines (for the skin)
3. Household cleaning products
4. Foreign bodies
5. Analgesics (pain relievers)
6. Antihistamines
7. Vitamins
8. *(tie)* Antimicrobials
  - Cold and cough medicines
  - Deodorizers
  - Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

**Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:**

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
  - Cosmetics and personal care products
  - Household cleaning products
6. Plants
7. *(tie)* Antidepressants
  - Food products/food poisoning
9. *(tie)* Bites and stings
  - Foreign bodies
  - Hydrocarbons
  - Stimulants and street drugs

**Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:**

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
  - Heart medicines
5. Anticonvulsants
6. Household cleaning products
7. Alcohol
8. Muscle Relaxants
9. Hormones
10. Miscellaneous drugs