



2008 Statistical Report Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 15.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	5520	Animal Exposures	263
< 12 months	232	Information Calls	6483
1 year	850		
2 years	774		
3 years	300		
4 years	162		
5 years	90		
6-12 years	308		
13-19 years	390		
Adult	2394		
Unknown age	20		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	3885
General	2496
Environmental	70
Occupational	67
Therapeutic Error	603
Misuse	511
Bite or Sting	68
Food Poisoning	65
Unknown	5
Intentional	1375
Suspected Suicide	1005
Misuse	183
Abuse	140
Unknown	47
Other	258
Contamination/Tampering	16
Malicious	45
Adverse Reaction/Drug	116
Adverse Reaction/Other	23
Unknown	58

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	3412
Healthcare Facility	1983
Other	51
Refused Referral	74

Medical Outcome

No Effect	1664
Minor Effect	3111
Moderate Effect	390
Major Effect	51
Death	12
Other/Unknown	287

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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. Pesticides
7. Cold and cough medicines
8. Arts and crafts products
9. Vitamins
10. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. (tie) Antidepressants
Cold and cough medicines
5. Stimulants and street drugs
6. Household cleaning products
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Foreign Bodies
9. Antihistamines
10. Arts and crafts products

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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

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