



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2008 Statistical Report
Calvert County, MD

County accounted for 2.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	762	Animal Exposures	43
< 12 months	35	Information Calls	586
1 year	83		
2 years	157		
3 years	72		
4 years	22		
5 years	16		
6-12 years	50		
13-19 years	62		
Adult	265		
Unknown age	0		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	625
General	402
Environmental	3
Occupational	9
Therapeutic Error	118
Misuse	66
Bite or Sting	24
Food Poisoning	2
Unknown	1
Intentional	110
Suspected Suicide	74
Misuse	22
Abuse	10
Unknown	4
Other	27
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	12
Adverse Reaction/Other	6
Unknown	4

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	589
Healthcare Facility	160
Other	4
Refused Referral	9

Medical Outcome

No Effect	234
Minor Effect	479
Moderate Effect	26
Major Effect	2
Death	0
Other/Unknown	20

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Foreign bodies
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
5. Cosmetics and personal care products
6. Antihistamines
7. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Antidepressants
Bites and stings
Household cleaners
Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. *(tie)* Alcohols
Household cleaners
7. Bites and stings
8. Antimicrobials
9. Miscellaneous medicines
10. Anticonvulsants