



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

**2008 Statistical Report**  
**Carroll County, MD**

County accounted for 4.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1629</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>121</b>
< 12 months	79	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>838</b>
1 year	299		
2 years	253		
3 years	128		
4 years	65		
5 years	30		
6-12 years	132		
13-19 years	140		
Adult	500		
Unknown age	3		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1326</b>
General	866
Environmental	31
Occupational	14
Therapeutic Error	212
Misuse	163
Bite or Sting	30
Food Poisoning	10
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>261</b>
Suspected Suicide	164
Misuse	44
Abuse	43
Unknown	10
<b>Other</b>	<b>42</b>
Contamination/Tampering	4
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	16
Adverse Reaction/Other	8
Unknown	8

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1238
Healthcare Facility	365
Other	17
Refused Referral	9

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	529
Minor Effect	970
Moderate Effect	73
Major Effect	6
Death	1
Other/Unknown	47

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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. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Foreign bodies
6. Plants
7. Cold and cough medicines
8. Vitamins
9. Antihistamines
10. Antimicrobials

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

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

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

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Household cleaning products
6. Heart medicines
7. Muscle relaxants
8. Pesticides
9. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants  
Bites and stings