



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2008 Statistical Report
Cecil County, MD

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

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1037	Animal Exposures	57
< 12 months	52	Information Calls	519
1 year	193		
2 years	157		
3 years	59		
4 years	32		
5 years	18		
6-12 years	70		
13-19 years	74		
Adult	380		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	766
General	531
Environmental	13
Occupational	17
Therapeutic Error	91
Misuse	91
Bite or Sting	11
Food Poisoning	12
Intentional	243
Suspected Suicide	169
Misuse	32
Abuse	33
Unknown	9
Other	26
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	14
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Unknown	5

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	673
Healthcare Facility	347
Other	9
Refused Referral	8

Medical Outcome

No Effect	311
Minor Effect	601
Moderate Effect	74
Major Effect	13
Death	0
Other/Unknown	37

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. *(tie)* Antidepressants
 Antihistamines
6. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
 Foreign bodies
 Plants
9. Stimulants and street drugs
10. *(tie)* Alcohols
 Anticonvulsants
 Vitamins

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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