



2008 Statistical Report Charles County, MD

County accounted for 2.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1012	Animal Exposures	79
< 12 months	46	Information Calls	514
1 year	183		
2 years	153		
3 years	76		
4 years	34		
5 years	25		
6-12 years	72		
13-19 years	82		
Adult	341		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	796
General	537
Environmental	8
Occupational	11
Therapeutic Error	112
Misuse	98
Bite or Sting	22
Food Poisoning	8
Intentional	182
Suspected Suicide	118
Misuse	31
Abuse	26
Unknown	7
Other	34
Contamination/Tampering	3
Malicious	7
Adverse Reaction/Drug	12
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Unknown	7

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	718
Healthcare Facility	270
Other	11
Refused Referral	13

Medical Outcome

No Effect	335
Minor Effect	583
Moderate Effect	47
Major Effect	4
Death	1
Other/Unknown	39

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. (tie) Household cleaning products
Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Stimulants and street drugs
6. Vitamins
7. (tie) Antihistamines
Foreign bodies
9. (tie) Antimicrobials
Arts and craft products
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Alcohols
4. Antidepressants
5. (tie) Heart Medicines
Household cleaning substances
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Bites and stings
9. Antihistamines
10. Anticonvulsants