



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2008 Statistical Report
Dorchester County, MD

Dorchester County accounted for 0.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	289	Animal Exposures	16
< 12 months	18	Information Calls	114
1 year	47		
2 years	51		
3 years	19		
4 years	10		
5 years	1		
6-12 years	19		
13-19 years	20		
Adult	104		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	212
General	148
Environmental	11
Occupational	2
Therapeutic Error	24
Misuse	21
Bite or Sting	6
Food poisoning	0
Intentional	67
Suspected Suicide	48
Misuse	9
Abuse	4
Unknown	6
Other	10
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	5
Unknown	3

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	185
Healthcare Facility	101
Other	2
Refused Referral	1

Medical Outcome

No Effect	83
Minor Effect	171
Moderate Effect	16
Major Effect	0
Death	0
Other/Unknown	19

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. Topical medicines (for the skin)
3. Cosmetics and personal care products
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Foreign bodies
6. Alcohols
7. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Pesticides
9. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Deodorizers

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Anticonvulsants
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Heart medicines
5. Antidepressants
6. *(tie)* Alcohols
Bites and stings
Paints and stripping agents
9. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Arts and crafts products
Cold and cough medicines
Cosmetics and personal care products
Household cleaning products
Hydrocarbons

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Muscle relaxants
4. Antidepressants
5. Household cleaning products
6. Stimulants and street drugs
7. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Hormones
9. *(tie)* Alcohols
Cold and cough medicines
Cosmetics and personal care products