



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

**2008 Statistical Report**  
**Harford County, MD**

County accounted for 7.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>2491</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>174</b>
< 12 months	121	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>1522</b>
1 year	459		
2 years	374		
3 years	166		
4 years	86		
5 years	69		
6-12 years	176		
13-19 years	219		
Adult	818		
Unknown age	3		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1915</b>
General	1307
Environmental	24
Occupational	28
Therapeutic Error	303
Misuse	208
Bite or Sting	26
Food poisoning	18
Unknown	1
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>501</b>
Suspected Suicide	370
Misuse	63
Abuse	56
Unknown	12
<b>Other</b>	<b>75</b>
Contamination/Tampering	3
Malicious	8
Adverse Reaction/Drug	39
Adverse Reaction/Other	16
Unknown	9

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1782
Healthcare Facility	669
Other	11
Refused Referral	29

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	840
Minor Effect	1433
Moderate Effect	121
Major Effect	10
Death	1
Other/Unknown	86

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

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

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

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

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