



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

**2008 Statistical Report**  
**Howard County, MD**

County accounted for 5.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1796</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>139</b>
< 12 months	96	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>813</b>
1 year	308		
2 years	281		
3 years	145		
4 years	70		
5 years	57		
6-12 years	152		
13-19 years	169		
Adult	517		
Unknown age	1		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1537</b>
General	961
Environmental	14
Occupational	16
Therapeutic Error	296
Misuse	205
Bite or Sting	25
Food Poisoning	20
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>215</b>
Suspected Suicide	146
Misuse	40
Abuse	26
Unknown	3
<b>Other</b>	<b>44</b>
Contamination/Tampering	7
Malicious	4
Adverse Reaction/Drug	21
Adverse Reaction/Other	8
Unknown	3
Withdrawal	1

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1437
Healthcare Facility	323
Other	25
Refused Referral	11

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	610
Minor Effect	1072
Moderate Effect	62
Major Effect	4
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. Antihistamines
7. Vitamins
8. Plants
9. Arts and crafts products
10. Cough and cold medicines

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cough and cold medicines
3. Antihistamines
4. Foreign bodies
5. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products  
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
7. Alcohols
8. Antidepressants
9. Household cleaning products
10. Arts and crafts products

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Household cleaning products
6. Cosmetics and personal care products
7. Alcohols
8. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants  
Food Poisoning
10. *(tie)* Antimicrobials  
Pesticides