



## 2008 Statistical Report Prince Georges County, MD

**NOTE:** *This report reflects only the calls to the Maryland Poison Center from Prince Georges County. For complete statistics regarding Prince Georges County, statistics from the National Capitol Poison Center should also be consulted.*

County accounted for 1.4% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

### Types of Calls

|                              |            |                          |            |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total human exposures</b> | <b>519</b> | <b>Animal Exposures</b>  | <b>46</b>  |
| < 12 months                  | 30         | <b>Information Calls</b> | <b>289</b> |
| 1 year                       | 122        |                          |            |
| 2 years                      | 76         |                          |            |
| 3 years                      | 49         |                          |            |
| 4 years                      | 21         |                          |            |
| 5 years                      | 7          |                          |            |
| 6-12 years                   | 34         |                          |            |
| 13-19 years                  | 36         |                          |            |
| Adult                        | 144        |                          |            |

### Reason for exposure

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Unintentional</b>    | <b>449</b> |
| General                 | 319        |
| Environmental           | 2          |
| Occupational            | 6          |
| Therapeutic Error       | 58         |
| Misuse                  | 56         |
| Bite or Sting           | 2          |
| Food Poisoning          | 6          |
| <b>Intentional</b>      | <b>57</b>  |
| Suspected Suicide       | 37         |
| Misuse                  | 13         |
| Abuse                   | 5          |
| Unknown                 | 2          |
| <b>Other</b>            | <b>13</b>  |
| Contamination/tampering | 2          |
| Malicious               | 1          |
| Adverse Reaction/Drug   | 5          |
| Adverse Reaction/Other  | 2          |
| Unknown                 | 3          |

### Management Site

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| On site/non Healthcare Facility | 439 |
| Healthcare Facility             | 72  |
| Other                           | 2   |
| Refused Referral                | 6   |

### Medical Outcome

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| No Effect       | 173 |
| Minor Effect    | 319 |
| Moderate Effect | 9   |
| Major Effect    | 1   |
| Death           | 0   |
| Other/Unknown   | 17  |

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**Most common exposures, children under 6 years:**

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. *(tie)* Household cleaning products  
    Topical medicines (for the skin)
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Foreign bodies
6. Antihistamines
7. Cold and cough medicines
8. *(tie)* Alcohols  
    Plants
10. Vitamins

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. *(tie)* Household cleaning products  
    Food poisoning
6. Antihistamines
7. *(tie)* Alcohols  
    Arts and crafts products  
    Foreign bodies  
    Hydrocarbons  
    Lacrimators  
    Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

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

1. Household cleaning products
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Cosmetics and personal care products
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Antidepressants
6. Pesticides
7. Alcohols
8. Heart medicines
9. Hormones
10. Cold and cough medicines