



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2008 Statistical Report
St. Mary's County, MD

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

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1,026	Animal Exposures	50
< 12 months	59	Information Calls	718
1 year	172		
2 years	196		
3 years	91		
4 years	29		
5 years	31		
6-12 years	60		
13-19 years	71		
Adult	317		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	807
General	579
Environmental	5
Occupational	9
Therapeutic Error	105
Misuse	75
Bite or Sting	29
Food Poisoning	5
Intentional	185
Suspected Suicide	146
Misuse	20
Abuse	16
Unknown	3
Other	34
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	20
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Unknown	9

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	736
Healthcare Facility	276
Other	6
Refused Referral	8

Medical Outcome

No Effect	329
Minor Effect	603
Moderate Effect	59
Major Effect	5
Death	1
Other/Unknown	29

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. *(tie)* Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
 Foreign bodies
4. Cosmetics and personal care products
5. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
 Other non-drug substance
7. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 Bites and stings
 Household cleaning products
 Vitamins

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Heart medicines
6. Bites and stings
7. Stimulants and street drugs
8. Anticonvulsants
9. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 Household cleaning products