



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2008 Statistical Report
State of Maryland

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	36,128	Animal Exposures	2,431
< 12 months	1,827	Information Calls	26,742
1 year	6,000		
2 years	5,703		
3 years	2,593		
4 years	1,268		
5 years	751		
6-12 years	2,483		
13-19 years	2,661		
Adult	12,756		
Unknown age	86		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	28,232
General	18,753
Environmental	397
Occupational	441
Therapeutic Error	4,407
Misuse	3,412
Bite or Sting	488
Food Poisoning	313
Unknown	21
Intentional	6,243
Suspected Suicide	4,351
Misuse	971
Abuse	709
Unknown	212
Other	1,653
Contamination/Tampering	97
Malicious	142
Adverse Reaction/Drug	594
Adverse Reaction/Other	613
Other	11
Unknown	197

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	26,423
Healthcare Facility	8,903
Other	397
Refused Referral	391
Unknown	14

Medical Outcome

No Effect	11,518
Minor Effect	21,224
Moderate Effect	1,721
Major Effect	188
Death	37
Other/Unknown	1,440

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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. Plants
8. Cough and cold medicines
9. Antihistamines
10. Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Cough and cold medicines
4. Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Foreign bodies
6. Antidepressants
7. Antihistamines
8. Stimulants and street drugs
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. Alcohols
5. Heart medicines
6. Cosmetics and personal care products
7. Household cleaning products
8. Anticonvulsants
9. Antihistamines
10. Hormones