



2008 Statistical Report Wicomico County, MD

Wicomico County accounted for 2.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	821	Animal Exposures	52
< 12 months	45	Information Calls	512
1 year	118		
2 years	128		
3 years	64		
4 years	36		
5 years	26		
6-12 years	55		
13-19 years	58		
Adult	291		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	639
General	412
Environmental	5
Occupational	12
Therapeutic Error	110
Misuse	72
Bite or Sting	18
Food Poisoning	9
Unknown	1
Intentional	154
Suspected Suicide	103
Misuse	28
Abuse	16
Unknown	7
Other	28
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	18
Adverse Reaction/Other	6
Unknown	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	574
Healthcare Facility	239
Other	2
Refused Referral	6

Medical Outcome

No Effect	273
Minor Effect	456
Moderate Effect	51
Major Effect	3
Death	1
Other/Unknown	37

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Household cleaning products
4. *(tie)* Foreign bodies
 Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Plants
7. Antimicrobials
8. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 Heart medicines
 Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Hormones
6. Bites and stings
7. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 Household cleaning products
8. Anticonvulsants
9. Pesticides
10. *(tie)* Antimicrobials
 Muscle relaxants
 Food products/food poisoning