



2009 Statistical Report Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 14.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	5536	Animal Exposures	219
< 12 months	253	Information Calls	6659
1 year	882		
2 years	784		
3 years	306		
4 years	160		
5 years	100		
6-12 years	268		
13-19 years	389		
Adult	2379		
Unknown age	15		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	3889
General	2490
Environmental	115
Occupational	73
Therapeutic Error	563
Misuse	514
Bite or Sting	60
Food Poisoning	63
Unknown	11
Intentional	1390
Suspected Suicide	1003
Misuse	185
Abuse	143
Unknown	59
Other	257
Contamination/Tampering	20
Malicious	22
Adverse Reaction/Drug	117
Adverse Reaction/Other	31
Other/Unknown	67

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	3349
Healthcare Facility	2078
Other	52
Refused Referral	54
Unknown	3

Medical Outcome

No Effect	1616
Minor Effect	3186
Moderate Effect	400
Major Effect	55
Death	9
Other/Unknown	270

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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. Pesticides
6. Topical medicines (for the skin)
7. Cold and cough medicines
8. Antimicrobials
9. Vitamins
10. *(tie)* Alcohols
Heart medicines

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Household cleaning products
5. Stimulants and street drugs
6. Cold and cough medicines
7. Foreign Bodies
8. Arts and crafts products
9. Alcohols
10. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cosmetics and personal care products
Lacrimators

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. Household cleaning products
7. Anticonvulsants
8. Antihistamines
9. Stimulants and street drugs
10. Cosmetics and personal care products