



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2009 Statistical Report
Charles County, MD

County accounted for 2.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1083	Animal Exposures	62
< 12 months	61	Information Calls	460
1 year	178		
2 years	199		
3 years	80		
4 years	30		
5 years	18		
6-12 years	69		
13-19 years	109		
Adult	334		
Unknown Age	5		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	868
General	567
Environmental	11
Occupational	19
Therapeutic Error	141
Misuse	108
Bite or Sting	15
Food Poisoning	7
Intentional	184
Suspected Suicide	124
Misuse	24
Abuse	28
Unknown	8
Other	31
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	20
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Unknown	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	788
Healthcare Facility	270
Other	16
Refused Referral	9

Medical Outcome

No Effect	350
Minor Effect	649
Moderate Effect	39
Major Effect	6
Death	3
Other/Unknown	36

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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. Antihistamines
7. Antimicrobials
8. *(tie)* Deodorizers
Electrolytes and Minerals
10. Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
6. Household cleaning products
7. Food poisoning
8. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Cosmetics and personal care products
Foreign bodies

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Alcohols
4. Heart medicines
5. Household cleaning substances
6. Pesticides
7. Antidepressants
8. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cold and cough medicines
10. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Antimicrobials