



2009 Statistical Report Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	299	Animal Exposures	13
< 12 months	25	Information Calls	122
1 year	53		
2 years	46		
3 years	17		
4 years	10		
5 years	5		
6-12 years	18		
13-19 years	13		
Adult	112		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	221
General	154
Environmental	1
Occupational	5
Therapeutic Error	33
Misuse	26
Bite or Sting	1
Food poisoning	0
Unknown	1
Intentional	68
Suspected Suicide	51
Misuse	8
Abuse	6
Unknown	3
Other	10
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	4
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Unknown	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	203
Healthcare Facility	87
Other	8
Refused Referral	1

Medical Outcome

No Effect	98
Minor Effect	183
Moderate Effect	13
Major Effect	1
Death	0
Other/Unknown	4

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Topical medicines (for the skin)
4. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Foreign bodies
6. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cold and cough medicines
8. *(tie)* Alcohols
Pesticides
10. *(tie)* Electrolytes and minerals
Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Heart medicines
Stimulants and street drugs
6. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Cold and cough medicines
Cosmetics and personal care products
Eye/ear/nose/throat medicines
Food poisoning
Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Heart medicines
4. *(tie)* Alcohols
Antidepressants
6. Household cleaning products
7. Anticonvulsants
8. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
Muscle relaxants
10. Miscellaneous medicines

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