



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2009 Statistical Report
Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	2507	Animal Exposures	118
< 12 months	101	Information Calls	1185
1 year	457		
2 years	417		
3 years	169		
4 years	91		
5 years	39		
6-12 years	163		
13-19 years	201		
Adult	866		
Unknown age	3		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1916
General	1276
Environmental	24
Occupational	25
Therapeutic Error	325
Misuse	215
Bite or Sting	34
Food poisoning	17
Intentional	513
Suspected Suicide	341
Misuse	76
Abuse	79
Unknown	17
Other	78
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	39
Adverse Reaction/Other	13
Other/Unknown	15

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1730
Healthcare Facility	735
Other	20
Refused Referral	19
Unknown	3

Medical Outcome

No Effect	793
Minor Effect	1453
Moderate Effect	159
Major Effect	14
Death	3
Other/Unknown	85

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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. Foreign bodies
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Arts and crafts products
7. Pesticides
8. Vitamins
9. Deodorizers
10. Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Heart medicines
6. Household cleaning products
7. Anticonvulsants
8. Hormones
9. Muscle relaxants
10. Antihistamines