



2009 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 5.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1862	Animal Exposures	132
< 12 months	101	Information Calls	680
1 year	297		
2 years	267		
3 years	140		
4 years	64		
5 years	50		
6-12 years	174		
13-19 years	163		
Adult	606		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1538
General	939
Environmental	28
Occupational	9
Therapeutic Error	302
Misuse	211
Bite or Sting	31
Food Poisoning	18
Intentional	260
Suspected Suicide	187
Misuse	43
Abuse	25
Unknown	5
Other	64
Contamination/Tampering	4
Malicious	10
Adverse Reaction/Drug	26
Adverse Reaction/Other	14
Unknown	10

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1441
Healthcare Facility	361
Other	37
Refused Referral	23

Medical Outcome

No Effect	652
Minor Effect	1075
Moderate Effect	66
Major Effect	11
Death	1
Other/Unknown	57

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Heart medicines
4. Household cleaning products
5. Antidepressants
6. Cosmetics and personal care products
7. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Pesticides
9. Antihistamines
10. Alcohols

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