



2009 Statistical Report Worcester County, MD

County accounted for 1.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	398	Animal Exposures	15
< 12 months	23	Information Calls	402
1 year	70		
2 years	82		
3 years	29		
4 years	6		
5 years	10		
6-12 years	31		
13-19 years	21		
Adult	124		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	351
General	228
Environmental	1
Occupational	7
Therapeutic Error	59
Misuse	46
Bite or Sting	5
Food Poisoning	5
Intentional	44
Suspected Suicide	31
Misuse	7
Abuse	5
Unknown	1
Other	3
Contamination/Tampering	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	1
Adverse Reaction/Other	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	320
Healthcare Facility	73
Other	2
Refused Referral	3

Medical Outcome

No Effect	122
Minor Effect	250
Moderate Effect	14
Major Effect	2
Death	0
Other/Unknown	10

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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. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Plants
6. *(tie)* Heart medicines
Pesticides
8. Foreign bodies
9. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)
10. *(tie)* Alcohols
Antihistamines
Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. *(tie)* Foreign bodies
Heart medicines
Stimulants and street drugs
5. Household cleaning products
6. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Antihistamines
Bites and stings
Cold and cough medicines
Pesticides

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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