



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2010 Statistical Report
Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 15.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	5637	Animal Exposures	219
< 12 months	228	Information Calls	7345
1 year	753		
2 years	693		
3 years	303		
4 years	181		
5 years	107		
6-12 years	281		
13-19 years	394		
20-59 years	2214		
>60 years	432		
Unknown child	4		
Unknown adult	42		
Unknown age	5		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	3737
General	2270
Environmental	81
Occupational	90
Therapeutic Error	606
Misuse	575
Bite or Sting	53
Food Poisoning	49
Unknown	13
Intentional	1550
Suspected Suicide	1081
Misuse	199
Abuse	180
Unknown	90
Other	350
Contamination/Tampering	23
Malicious	33
Adverse Reaction/Drug	162
Adverse Reaction/Other	43
Other/Unknown	89

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	3206
Healthcare Facility	2324
Other	46
Refused Referral	59
Unknown	2

Medical Outcome

No Effect	1595
Minor Effect	3198
Moderate Effect	488
Major Effect	56
Death	12
Other/Unknown	288

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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. Pesticides
6. Cold and cough medicines
7. Topical medicines (for the skin)
8. Vitamins
9. Antihistamines
10. Heart medicines

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Stimulants and street drugs
5. Household cleaning products
6. Antihistamines
7. Cold and cough medicines
8. Cosmetics and personal care products
9. Foreign Bodies
10. Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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

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