



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2010 Statistical Report
Baltimore County, MD

County accounted for 18.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	6630	Animal Exposures	396
< 12 months	367	Information Calls	5682
1 year	1130		
2 years	968		
3 years	440		
4 years	233		
5 years	128		
6-12 years	437		
13-19 years	477		
20-59 years	1810		
>60 years	567		
Unknown child	6		
Unknown adult	65		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	5341
General	3295
Environmental	134
Occupational	81
Therapeutic Error	911
Misuse	763
Bite or Sting	74
Food Poisoning	80
Unknown	3
Intentional	998
Suspected Suicide	632
Misuse	177
Abuse	130
Unknown	59
Other	291
Contamination/Tampering	24
Malicious	36
Adverse Reaction/Drug	137
Adverse Reaction/Other	55
Unknown	39

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	5079
Healthcare Facility	1371
Other	94
Refused Referral	83
Unknown	3

Medical Outcome

No Effect	2160
Minor Effect	3912
Moderate Effect	268
Major Effect	23
Death	8
Other/Unknown	259

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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. Arts and crafts products
8. Pesticides
9. Antihistamines
10. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Heart medicines
4. Antidepressants
5. Household cleaning products
6. Alcohols
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Anticonvulsants
9. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Food/food poisoning
Hormones (including insulin and diabetes medicines)

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