



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2010 Statistical Report
Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1628	Animal Exposures	96
< 12 months	81	Information Calls	629
1 year	238		
2 years	237		
3 years	125		
4 years	63		
5 years	32		
6-12 years	131		
13-19 years	181		
20-59 years	418		
>60 years	101		
Unknown age	21		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1281
General	769
Environmental	25
Occupational	18
Therapeutic Error	255
Misuse	182
Bite or Sting	16
Food Poisoning	15
Unknown	1
Intentional	287
Suspected Suicide	191
Misuse	40
Abuse	38
Unknown	18
Other	60
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	34
Adverse Reaction/Other	11
Unknown	4

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1173
Healthcare Facility	411
Refused Referral	19
Other/Unknown	25

Medical Outcome

No Effect	560
Minor Effect	924
Moderate Effect	87
Major Effect	5
Death	2
Other/Unknown	50

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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. Topical medicines (for the skin)
5. Household cleaning products
6. Antihistamines
7. Vitamins
8. Arts and crafts products
9. Pesticides
10. Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 - Cough and cold medicines
 - Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Stimulants and street drugs
5. Cosmetics and personal care products
6. Foreign bodies
8. *(tie)* Alcohols
 - Arts and crafts products
 - Food poisoning

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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