



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2010 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	395	Animal Exposures	17
< 12 months	20	Information Calls	397
1 year	55		
2 years	59		
3 years	27		
4 years	18		
5 years	10		
6-12 years	26		
13-19 years	35		
20-59 years	105		
>60 years	40		
Unknown age	0		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	326
General	188
Environmental	2
Occupational	8
Therapeutic Error	61
Misuse	59
Bite or Sting	6
Food Poisoning	2
Intentional	56
Suspected Suicide	26
Misuse	15
Abuse	12
Unknown	3
Other	13
Contamination/Tampering	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	8
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Unknown	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	289
Healthcare Facility	100
Other	3
Refused Referral	3

Medical Outcome

No Effect	123
Minor Effect	238
Moderate Effect	20
Major Effect	0
Death	1
Other/Unknown	13

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. Anticonvulsants
4. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
Hormones (including thyroid and antidiabetic medicines)
Stimulants and street drugs
7. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Foreign bodies
Household cleaning products
Pesticides
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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