



## 2011 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

### Types of Calls

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>82</b>
< 12 months	88		
1 year	214	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>636</b>
2 years	220		
3 years	133		
4 years	55		
5 years	42		
6-12 years	138		
13-19 years	172		
20-59 years	449		
>60 years	131		
Unknown age	18		

### Reason for exposure

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1298</b>
General	771
Environmental	13
Occupational	19
Therapeutic Error	286
Misuse	168
Bite or Sting	24
Food Poisoning	17
Unknown	0
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>295</b>
Suspected Suicide	201
Misuse	36
Abuse	41
Unknown	17
<b>Other</b>	<b>67</b>
Contamination/Tampering	3
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	38
Adverse Reaction/Other	13
Unknown	8

### Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1184
Healthcare Facility	412
Refused Referral	18
Other/Unknown	46

### Medical Outcome

No Effect	591
Minor Effect	905
Moderate Effect	81
Major Effect	6
Death	4
Other/Unknown	73

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

**Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:**

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

**Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:**

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