



**2012 Statistical Report  
Baltimore County, MD**

County accounted for 18.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>6514</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>326</b>
< 12 months	313		
1 year	953	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>5486</b>
2 years	829		
3 years	404		
4 years	196		
5 years	106		
6-12 years	449		
13-19 years	540		
20-59 years	2047		
>60 years	592		
Unknown child	5		
Unknown adult	57		
Unknown age	23		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>4989</b>
General	2897
Environmental	85
Occupational	94
Therapeutic Error	992
Misuse	758
Bite or Sting	75
Food Poisoning	86
Unknown	2
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>1226</b>
Suspected Suicide	736
Misuse	202
Abuse	227
Unknown	61
<b>Other</b>	<b>299</b>
Contamination/Tampering	20
Malicious	20
Adverse Reaction/Drug	150
Adverse Reaction/Other	62
Unknown	38
Other	9

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	4504
Healthcare Facility	1683
Other	237
Refused Referral	77
Unknown	13

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	2041
Minor Effect	3802
Moderate Effect	360
Major Effect	36
Death	4
Other/Unknown	271

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

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. (tie) Antihistamines  
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
5. Stimulants and street drugs
6. Antidepressants
7. Foreign bodies
8. Cold and cough medicines
9. Arts and crafts products
10. 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. Alcohols
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Antihistamines
9. Stimulants and street drugs
10. Pesticides

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