



2012 Statistical Report Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.2% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	2145	Animal Exposures	89
< 12 months	120	Information Calls	776
1 year	303		
2 years	298		
3 years	153		
4 years	71		
5 years	40		
6-12 years	141		
13-19 years	152		
20-59 years	681		
>60 years	172		
Unknown child	2		
Unknown adult	11		
Unknown age	1		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1589
General	961
Environmental	27
Occupational	23
Therapeutic Error	339
Misuse	201
Bite or Sting	23
Food poisoning	15
Unknown	0
Intentional	468
Suspected Suicide	297
Misuse	60
Abuse	85
Unknown	26
Other	88
Contamination/Tampering	5
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	44
Adverse Reaction/Other	11
Other/Unknown	22

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1435
Healthcare Facility	658
Other	31
Refused Referral	21

Medical Outcome

No Effect	673
Minor Effect	1196
Moderate Effect	164
Major Effect	17
Death	3
Other/Unknown	92

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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. Antimicrobials
9. Electrolytes and minerals
10. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. Foreign bodies
5. Antidepressants
6. Cosmetics and personal care products
7. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cold and cough medicines
9. Food and food poisoning
10. Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Heart medicines
6. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Household cleaning products
8. Antihistamines
9. Muscle relaxants
10. Stimulants and street drugs