



## 2012 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

### Types of Calls

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1713</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>66</b>
< 12 months	88	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>577</b>
1 year	238		
2 years	223		
3 years	126		
4 years	71		
5 years	41		
6-12 years	151		
13-19 years	179		
20-59 years	437		
>60 years	132		
Unknown child	6		
Unknown adult	14		
Unknown age	7		

### Reason for exposure

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1362</b>
General	799
Environmental	22
Occupational	11
Therapeutic Error	277
Misuse	219
Bite or Sting	15
Food Poisoning	19
Unknown	0
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>292</b>
Suspected Suicide	183
Misuse	46
Abuse	53
Unknown	10
<b>Other</b>	<b>59</b>
Contamination/Tampering	14
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	25
Adverse Reaction/Other	10
Unknown	8

### Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1217
Healthcare Facility	407
Refused Referral	6
Other/Unknown	83

### Medical Outcome

No Effect	589
Minor Effect	985
Moderate Effect	74
Major Effect	8
Death	1
Other/Unknown	56

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

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antihistamines
3. Antidepressants
4. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
5. Cough and cold medicines
6. *(tie)* Foreign bodies  
Stimulants and street drugs
8. *(tie)* Antimicrobials  
Cosmetics and personal care products
10. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants  
Plants

**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. *(tie)* Antihistamines  
Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
10. Pesticides