



2013 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 5.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

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| Total human exposures | 1673 | Animal Exposures | 71 |
| < 12 months | 68 | Information Calls | 394 |
| 1 year | 248 | | |
| 2 years | 200 | | |
| 3 years | 99 | | |
| 4 years | 55 | | |
| 5 years | 38 | | |
| 6-12 years | 181 | | |
| 13-19 years | 186 | | |
| 20-59 years | 442 | | |
| >60 years | 140 | | |
| Unknown child | 1 | | |
| Unknown adult | 13 | | |
| Unknown age | 2 | | |

Reason for exposure

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Unintentional | 1321 |
| General | 753 |
| Environmental | 25 |
| Occupational | 9 |
| Therapeutic Error | 298 |
| Misuse | 190 |
| Bite or Sting | 21 |
| Food Poisoning | 24 |
| Unknown | 1 |
| Intentional | 288 |
| Suspected Suicide | 200 |
| Misuse | 34 |
| Abuse | 42 |
| Unknown | 12 |
| Other | 64 |
| Contamination/Tampering | 6 |
| Malicious | 2 |
| Adverse Reaction/Drug | 37 |
| Adverse Reaction/Other | 5 |
| Other/Unknown | 14 |

Management Site

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|---------------------------------|------|
| On site/non Healthcare Facility | 1159 |
| Healthcare Facility | 410 |
| Refused Referral | 12 |
| Other | 92 |

Medical Outcome

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|-----------------|-----|
| No Effect | 612 |
| Minor Effect | 899 |
| Moderate Effect | 92 |
| Major Effect | 6 |
| Death | 0 |
| Other/Unknown | 64 |

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Foreign bodies
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antihistamines
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
5. Plants

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Alcohols
4. Stimulants and street drugs
5. Household cleaning products
Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. Anticonvulsants
5. Heart medicines