



2014 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

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

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1530	Animal Exposures	60
< 12 months	65		
1 year	201	Information Calls	335
2 years	181		
3 years	82		
4 years	53		
5 years	45		
6-12 years	144		
13-19 years	183		
20-59 years	438		
>60 years	124		
Unknown age	14		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1147
General	643
Environmental	33
Occupational	13
Therapeutic Error	254
Misuse	154
Bite or Sting	23
Food Poisoning	24
Unknown	3
Intentional	313
Suspected Suicide	233
Misuse	39
Abuse	28
Unknown	13
Other	70
Contamination/Tampering	9
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	33
Adverse Reaction/Other	13
Other/Unknown	9

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	985
Healthcare Facility	453
Refused Referral	10
Other	80
Unknown	2

Medical Outcome

No Effect	494
Minor Effect	891
Moderate Effect	78
Major Effect	11
Death	2
Other/Unknown	54

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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. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Foreign bodies
3. Arts, crafts and office supplies
4. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. Cold and cough medicines
5. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Household cleaning products
4. Alcohols
5. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Heart medicines
Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
5. Household cleaning products