



2015 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

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

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1580	Animal Exposures	68
< 12 months	79	Information Calls	302
1 year	157		
2 years	195		
3 years	87		
4 years	54		
5 years	38		
6-12 years	134		
13-19 years	212		
20-59 years	449		
>60 years	161		
Unknown age	14		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1201
General	636
Environmental	44
Occupational	19
Therapeutic Error	290
Misuse	177
Bite or Sting	21
Food Poisoning	14
Unknown	0
Intentional	303
Suspected Suicide	191
Misuse	49
Abuse	48
Unknown	15
Other	76
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	36
Adverse Reaction/Other	17
Other/Unknown	12

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1012
Healthcare Facility	456
Refused Referral	26
Other	83
Unknown	3

Medical Outcome

No Effect	429
Minor Effect	958
Moderate Effect	104
Major Effect	10
Death	1
Other/Unknown	78

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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. Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Plants
2. Foreign bodies
3. Cosmetics and personal care products
4. Arts, crafts and office supplies
5. *(tie)* Antihistamines
 - Heart medicines
 - Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Household cleaning products
5. Alcohols

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. *(tie)* Antidepressants
 - Household cleaning products