



2019 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1304	Animal Exposures	40
< 12 months	47	Information Calls	209
1 year	137		
2 years	126		
3 years	62		
4 years	28		
5 years	17		
6-12 years	106		
13-19 years	186		
20-59 years	427		
>60 years	155		
Unknown age	13		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	902
General	442
Environmental	33
Occupational	13
Therapeutic Error	239
Misuse	135
Bite or Sting	13
Food Poisoning	26
Unknown	1
Intentional	321
Suspected Suicide	206
Misuse	38
Abuse	70
Unknown	7
Other	81
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	46
Adverse Reaction/Other	17
Other/Unknown	7

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	763
Healthcare Facility	460
Refused Referral	15
Other/Unknown	66

Medical Outcome

No Effect	236
Minor Effect	850
Moderate Effect	98
Major Effect	45
Death	3
Other/Unknown	72

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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 and toys
5. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Arts, crafts, and office supplies
3. Antihistamines
4. Household cleaning products
5. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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