



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2006 Statistical Report
Howard County, MD

County accounted for 5.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1832	Animal Exposures	126
< 12 months	101	Information Calls	849
1 year	341		
2 years	327		
3 years	135		
4 years	76		
5 years	43		
6-12 years	167		
13-19 years	141		
Adult	498		
Unknown age	3		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1602
General	1171
Environmental	23
Occupational	30
Therapeutic Error	214
Misuse	133
Bite or Sting	24
Food Poisoning	6
Unknown	1
Intentional	189
Suspected Suicide	151
Misuse	19
Abuse	16
Unknown	3
Other	41
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	20
Adverse Reaction/Other	6
Unknown	8

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1451
Healthcare Facility	342
Other	16
Refused Referral	23

Medical Outcome

No Effect	645
Minor Effect	1070
Moderate Effect	58
Major Effect	6
Death	1
Other/Unknown	49

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Foreign bodies
3. Household cleaning products
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Vitamins
7. Cough and cold medicines
8. Plants
9. Arts and crafts products
10. Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cough and cold medicines
3. Cosmetics and personal care products
4. Household cleaning products
5. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Foreign bodies
7. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Stimulants and street drugs
9. Chemicals
10. Antidepressants

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Household cleaning products
3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Antidepressants
5. Heart medicines
6. Alcohols
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Antimicrobials
9. Anticonvulsants
10. Pesticides