

2006 Statistical Report Somerset County, MD

County accounted for 0.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	159	Animal Exposures	1
< 12 months	13	-	
1 year	28	Information Calls	227
2 years	24		
3 years	10		
4 years	6		
5 years	4		
6-12 years	11		
13-19 years	9		
Adult	54		

Reason for exposure

Management Site

Unintentional	145	On site/non Healthcare Facility	127
Environmental	1	Healthcare Facility	28
Occupational	2	Other	2
Therapeutic Error	34	Refused Referral	2
Misuse	12		
Bite or Sting	5		
Food Poisoning	1	Medical Outcome	
Intentional	10		
Suspected Suicide	8	No Effect	51
Abuse	2	Minor Effect	104
Other	4	Moderate Effect	2
Contamination/Tampering	1	Major Effect	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	2	Death	Ō
Adverse Reaction/Other Unknown	1	Other/Unknown	2

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

- 1. Topical medicines (for the skin)
- 2. (*tie*) Cosmetics and personal care products Household cleaning products
- 4. Cold and cough medicines
- 5. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)
- 6. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers)

Antimicrobials

Arts and crafts products

9. (tie) Foreign bodies

Hormones

Pesticides

Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. (tie) Antidepressants

Household cleaning products

Pesticides

Vitamins

6. (tie) Antihistamines

Bites and stings

Chemicals

Cosmetics and personal care products

Diuretics

Ear, nose or throat medicines

Food products

Fumes, gases or vapors

Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. (tie) Household cleaning products

Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

4. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products

Hormones

6. (tie) Anticonvulsants

Bites and stings

Heart medicines

9. (tie) Alcohols

Fumes, gases or vapors

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