

2006 Statistical Report Wicomico County, MD

Wicomico County accounted for 2.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	822	Animal Exposures	35
< 12 months	36		
1 year	136	Information Calls 5	531
2 years	125		
3 years	50		
4 years	33		
5 years	19		
6-12 years	54		
13-19 years	71		
Adult	282		
Unknown age	16		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional 634 General 457 Environmental 9 Occupational 13 Therapeutic Error 91 54 Misuse Bite or Sting 9 Unknown 1 Intentional 166 Suspected Suicide 133 Misuse 15 13 Abuse Unknown 5 22 Other Contamination/Tampering 2 Malicious 1 Adverse Reaction/Drug 16 Adverse Reaction/Other 1 Unknown 2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility Healthcare Facility Other Refused Referral	510 297 4 11
Medical Outcome	
No Effect Minor Effect Moderate Effect Major Effect Death Other/Unknown	274 454 49 11 2 30

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Arts and crafts products

10.(tie) Antidepressants

Antimicrobials

Heart medicines

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antidepressants
- 3. Cold and cough medicines
- 4. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
- 5. (tie) Antihistamines

Stimulants and street drugs

Cosmetics and personal care products

Foreign bodies

- 9. Arts and crafts products
- 10. (tie) Household cleaning products

Anticonvulsants

Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

- 1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Antidepressants
- 4. Heart medicines
- 5. Household cleaning products
- 6. Alcohols
- 7. Stimulants and street drugs
- 8. Anticonvulsants
- 9. (tie) Antimicrobials

Cosmetics and personal care products

11. Pesticides

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