

# 2014 Statistical Report Charles County, MD

County accounted for 2.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

## **Types of Calls**

Total human exposures	894	Animal Exposures	18
< 12 months	43		
1 year	109	Information Calls	177
2 years	107		
3 years	56		
4 years	25		
5 years	15		
6-12 years	58		
13-19 years	77		
20-59 years	316		
>60 years	83		
Unknown Age	5		

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# **Reason for exposure**

#### Unintentional 652 General 369 Environmental 19 Occupational 19 Therapeutic Error 129 Misuse 95 Bite or Sting 17 Food Poisoning 3 Unknown 1 Intentional 214 Suspected Suicide 135 Misuse 31 Abuse 35 Unknown 13 28 Other Contamination/Tampering 2 4 Malicious Adverse Reaction/Drug 12

Adverse Reaction/Other

Unknown

# **Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility

512

363 10 9
253 525 67 8 2 39

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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)

#### Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

- 1. Stimulants and street drugs
- 2. Cosmetics and personal care products
- (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers)
   Antihistamines
   Asthma medicines
   Cold and cough medicines

### Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 3. Stimulants and street drugs
- 4. *(tie)* Antihistamines
  Household cleaning products

# Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

- 1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Alcohols
- 4. Household cleaning substances
- 5. Stimulants and street drugs

# Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 4. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 5. (tie) Alcohols

Antihistamines
Household cleaning substances

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