

2014 Statistical Report Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1876	Animal Exposures	59
< 12 months	121		
1 year	292	Information Calls	433
2 years	238		
3 years	108		
4 years	65		
5 years	38		
6-12 years	106		
13-19 years	151		
20-59 years	571		
>60 years	169		
Unknown age	17		

Reason for exposure

Management Site

Unintentional	1404	On site/non Healthcare Facility 1201
General	831	Healthcare Facility 610
Environmental	24	Other 45
Occupational	20	Refused Referral 20
Therapeutic Error	346	
Misuse	147	
Bite or Sting	26	
Food poisoning	8	Medical Outcome
Unknown	2	
Intentional	391	No Effect 594
Suspected Suicide	259	Minor Effect 1057
Misuse	50	Moderate Effect 144
Abuse	61	Major Effect 10
Unknown	21	Death 0
Other	81	Other/Unknown 71
Contamination/Tampering	12	
Malicious	4	
Adverse Reaction/Drug	30	
Adverse Reaction/Other	16	
Other/Unknown	19	

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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
- 5. Topical medicines (for the skin)

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

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

Cosmetics and personal care products

Foreign bodies

5. Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Stimulants and street drugs
- 3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
 Antihistamines

Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 3. Alcohols
- 4. Heart medicines
- 5. Anticonvulsants

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
- 4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 5. Anticonvulsants