



2018 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1509	Animal Exposures	44
< 12 months	61	Information Calls	281
1 year	168		
2 years	134		
3 years	86		
4 years	44		
5 years	39		
6-12 years	128		
13-19 years	171		
20-59 years	473		
>60 years	187		
Unknown age	18		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1093
General	556
Environmental	34
Occupational	23
Therapeutic Error	254
Misuse	188
Bite or Sting	12
Food Poisoning	25
Unknown	1
Intentional	340
Suspected Suicide	209
Misuse	52
Abuse	68
Unknown	11
Other	76
Contamination/Tampering	8
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	32
Adverse Reaction/Other	19
Other/Unknown	14

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	930
Healthcare Facility	491
Refused Referral	25
Other/Unknown	63

Medical Outcome

No Effect	381
Minor Effect	915
Moderate Effect	109
Major Effect	27
Death	2
Other/Unknown	75

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Foreign bodies
4. Household cleaning products
5. Heart medicines

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Arts, crafts, and office supplies
Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Heart medicines

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Antihistamines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)