



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2008 Statistical Report
Baltimore County, MD

County accounted for 18.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

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|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Total human exposures | 6634 | Animal Exposures | 462 |
| < 12 months | 365 | Information Calls | 6516 |
| 1 year | 1076 | | |
| 2 years | 1086 | | |
| 3 years | 478 | | |
| 4 years | 254 | | |
| 5 years | 120 | | |
| 6-12 years | 489 | | |
| 13-19 years | 456 | | |
| Adult | 2301 | | |
| Unknown age | 9 | | |

Reason for exposure

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Unintentional | 5376 |
| General | 3505 |
| Environmental | 77 |
| Occupational | 82 |
| Therapeutic Error | 874 |
| Misuse | 681 |
| Bite or Sting | 86 |
| Food Poisoning | 67 |
| Unknown | 3 |
| Intentional | 1028 |
| Suspected Suicide | 707 |
| Misuse | 183 |
| Abuse | 102 |
| Unknown | 36 |
| Other | 229 |
| Contamination/Tampering | 16 |
| Malicious | 25 |
| Adverse Reaction/Drug | 124 |
| Adverse Reaction/Other | 34 |
| Unknown | 30 |

Management Site

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|---------------------------------|------|
| On site/non Healthcare Facility | 5033 |
| Healthcare Facility | 1429 |
| Other | 97 |
| Refused Referral | 75 |

Medical Outcome

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|-----------------|------|
| No Effect | 2184 |
| Minor Effect | 3920 |
| Moderate Effect | 258 |
| Major Effect | 23 |
| Death | 6 |
| Other/Unknown | 236 |

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Foreign bodies
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Vitamins
7. Pesticides
8. Arts and crafts products
9. Cold and cough medicines
10. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Antidepressants
5. Foreign bodies
6. Cold and cough medicines
7. Stimulants and street drugs
8. Antihistamines
9. Household cleaning products
10. Arts and crafts products

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Household cleaning products
6. Alcohols
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Anticonvulsants
9. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Pesticides