

2012 Statistical Report Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 16.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Adverse Reaction/Other

Other/Unknown

Total human exposures	5827	Animal Exposures	173
< 12 months	214		
1 year	668	Information Calls	11306
2 years	642		
3 years	285		
4 years	175		
5 years	105		
6-12 years	297		
13-19 years	476		
20-59 years	2401		
>60 years	498		
Unknown child	4		
Unknown adult	56		
Unknown age	6		

Reason for exposure		Management Site	
Unintentional	3639	On site/non Healthcare Facility 2	948
General	2120	Healthcare Facility 2	665
Environmental	104	Other	138
Occupational	68	Refused Referral	73
Therapeutic Error	609	Unknown	3
Misuse	607		
Bite or Sting	64		
Food Poisoning	61	Medical Outcome	
Unknown	6		
Intentional	1754	No Effect 1	1503
Suspected Suicide	1112	Minor Effect 3	3243
Misuse	225	Moderate Effect	628
Abuse	316	Major Effect	72
Unknown	101	Death	14
Other	434	Other/Unknown	367
Contamination/Tampering	16		
Malicious	53		
Adverse Reaction/Drug	207		

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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)
- 6. Pesticides
- 7. Vitamins
- 8. Heart medicines
- 9. Antihistamines
- 10. GI medicines (for the stomach)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Stimulants and street drugs
- 3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
- 4. Antidepressants
- 5. (tie) Antihistamines

Household cleaning products

- 7. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 8. Foreign Bodies
- 9. (tie) Alcohols

Cold and cough medicines Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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

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