

2014 Statistical Report Allegany County, MD

County accounted for 1.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	539	Animal Exposures	20
< 12 months	19		
1 year	54	Information Calls	321
2 years	85		
3 years	27		
4 years	9		
5 years	9		
6-12 years	26		
13-19 years	47		
20-59 years	199		
>60 years	62		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional 396 General 219 Environmental 4 Occupational 13 Therapeutic Error 106 Misuse 46 Bite or Sting 3 Food Poisoning 5 Intentional 122 Suspected Suicide 72 Misuse 26 Abuse 18 Unknown 6 21 Other Contamination/Tampering 0 Malicious 0 Adverse Reaction/Drug 17 Adverse Reaction/Other 1 Other/Unknown 3

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility Healthcare Facility Other Refused Referral	311 185 36 7
Medical Outcome	
No Effect Minor Effect Moderate Effect Major Effect Death Other/Unknown	140 336 36 4 1 22

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

- 1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 2. (tie) Anticonvulsants

Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)

3. (tie) Antihistamines

Arts, crafts and office supplies

Cold and cough medicines

Food and food poisoning

Heart medicines

Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Antihistamines
- 4. (tie) Antidepressants

Heart medicines

Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)

Plants

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 3. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
- 4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 5. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products Household cleaning products

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