

2014 Statistical Report St. Mary's County, MD

County accounted for 2.6% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	812	Animal Exposures	24
< 12 months	24	-	
1 year	95	Information Calls	272
2 years	108		
3 years	52		
4 years	28		
5 years	11		
6-12 years	56		
13-19 years	62		
20-59 years	303		
>60 years	61		
Unknown age	12		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional 558 General 329 Environmental 20 Occupational 9 Therapeutic Error 97 Misuse 62 Bite or Sting 28 Food Poisoning 11 Unknown 2 Intentional 206 Suspected Suicide 153 Misuse 24 Abuse 22 Unknown 7 Other 48 Contamination/tampering 1 Malicious 1 Adverse Reaction/Drug 29 Adverse Reaction/Other 10 Other?Unknown 7

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility Healthcare Facility Other Refused Referral	474 299 31 8		
Medical Outcome			
No Effect Minor Effect Moderate Effect Major Effect Death Other/Unknown	238 480 58 6 0 30		

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

- 1. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Household cleaning products
- 4. Topical medicines (for the skin)
- 5. Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

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

Bites and stings

Cosmetics and personal care products

Foreign bodies

Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Stimulants and street drugs
- 3. Alcohols
- 4. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products

Food products and food poisoning

Household cleaning products

Plants

Sedatives and antipsychotics

Tobacco and tobacco product

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

- 1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 2. Analgesics
- 3. Alcohols
- 4. Anticonvulsants
- 5. Antidepressants

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 2. Heart medicines
- 3. Analgesics
- 4. (tie) Anticonvulsants

Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)

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