

2015 Statistical Report Carroll County, MD

County accounted for 4.4% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1395	Animal Exposures	54
< 12 months	64		
1 year	188	Information Calls	275
2 years	174		
3 years	81		
4 years	44		
5 years	22		
6-12 years	83		
13-19 years	110		
20-59 years	463		
>60 years	123		
Unknown age	43		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional 1039 General 590 Environmental 52 Occupational 20 Therapeutic Error 218 Misuse 134 Bite or Sting 16 Food Poisoning 8 Unknown 1 Intentional 295 Suspected Suicide 190 Misuse 40 Abuse 54 11 Unknown Other 61 Contamination/Tampering 11 Malicious 1 Adverse Reaction/Drug 26 Adverse Reaction/Other 12 Other/Unknown 11

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility Healthcare Facility Other Refused Referral	878 420 85 12
Medical Outcome	
No Effect Minor Effect Moderate Effect Major Effect Death Other/Unknown	372 843 102 15 2

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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. Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers)

Foreign bodies

3. (tie) Antihistamines

Pesticides

5. (tie) Arts, crafts, office supplies

Cold and cough medicines

Fumes, gases and vapors

Plants

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 3. Antidepressants
- 4. Cold and cough medicines
- 5. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 4. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)
- 5. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)

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