

2015 Statistical Report Harford County, MD

County accounted for 5.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1810
< 12 months	73
1 year	233
2 years	243
3 years	100
4 years	56
5 years	43
6-12 years	121
13-19 years	145
20-59 years	604
>60 years	175
Unknown age	17

Animal Exposures	70
Information Calls	366

Reason for exposure

Unintentional General	1299 733
Environmental	26
Occupational	13
Therapeutic Error	329
Misuse	165
Bite or Sting	11
Food poisoning	21
Unknown	1
Intentional	417
Suspected Suicide	242
Misuse	64
Abuse	96
Unknown	15
Other	94
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	46
Adverse Reaction/Other	13
Other/Unknown	26

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1139
Healthcare Facility	605
Other	45
Refused Referral	21

Medical Outcome

No Effect	515
Minor Effect	1022
Moderate Effect	154
Major Effect	26
Death	2
Other/Unknown	91

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

- 1. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers) Antihistamines Stimulants and street drugs
- 5. *(tie)* Heart medicines Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antidepressants
- (tie) Antihistamines Heart medicines Sedatives and antipsychotics Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 3. Antidepressants
- 4. *(tie)* Alcohols Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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

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