



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 Statistical Report
Carroll County, MD

County accounted for 4.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1590	Animal Exposures	100
< 12 months	80	Information Calls	879
1 year	281		
2 years	258		
3 years	135		
4 years	64		
5 years	43		
6-12 years	121		
13-19 years	135		
Adult	473		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1335
General	958
Environmental	28
Occupational	18
Therapeutic Error	202
Misuse	93
Bite or Sting	23
Food Poisoning	12
Unknown	1
Intentional	212
Suspected Suicide	147
Misuse	25
Abuse	31
Unknown	9
Other	41
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	28
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Unknown	5

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1235
Healthcare Facility	323
Other	18
Refused Referral	14

Medical Outcome

No Effect	571
Minor Effect	894
Moderate Effect	62
Major Effect	11
Death	5
Other/Unknown	43

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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. Plants
7. Electrolytes and minerals
8. Cold and cough medicines
9. Antihistamines
10. Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Foreign bodies
3. Antihistamines
4. Cold and cough medicines
5. Cosmetics and personal care products
6. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
 - Household cleaning products
 - Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
 - Stimulants and street drugs
10. Antidepressants

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Household cleaning products
6. Heart medicines
7. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
 - Hormones
9. Lacrimators
10. Bites and stings