



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2009 Statistical Report
Carroll County, MD

County accounted for 4.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1747	Animal Exposures	95
< 12 months	72	Information Calls	706
1 year	283		
2 years	295		
3 years	151		
4 years	76		
5 years	39		
6-12 years	131		
13-19 years	120		
Adult	575		
Unknown age	5		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1431
General	910
Environmental	29
Occupational	16
Therapeutic Error	262
Misuse	187
Bite or Sting	13
Food Poisoning	12
Unknown	2
Intentional	256
Suspected Suicide	182
Misuse	23
Abuse	41
Unknown	10
Other	60
Contamination/Tampering	7
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	31
Adverse Reaction/Other	10
Unknown	9

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1357
Healthcare Facility	346
Other	25
Refused Referral	19

Medical Outcome

No Effect	573
Minor Effect	1032
Moderate Effect	81
Major Effect	10
Death	3
Other/Unknown	48

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Foreign bodies
4. Household cleaning products
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Antihistamines
7. Vitamins
8. Cold and cough medicines
9. Antimicrobials
10. Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Foreign bodies
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. Antihistamines
5. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
7. *(tie)* Chemicals
Pesticides
9. Hydrocarbons
10. Arts and crafts products

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Heart medicines
6. Pesticides
7. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Hormones
9. Household cleaning products
10. Cosmetics and personal care products