



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2009 Statistical Report
State of Maryland

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	37,320	Animal Exposures	2,180
< 12 months	1,837	Information Calls	25,437
1 year	6,137		
2 years	6,026		
3 years	2,624		
4 years	1,273		
5 years	790		
6-12 years	2,475		
13-19 years	2,647		
Adult	13,393		
Unknown age	118		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	29,233
General	18,834
Environmental	523
Occupational	463
Therapeutic Error	4,912
Misuse	3,670
Bite or Sting	490
Food Poisoning	316
Unknown	25
Intentional	6,432
Suspected Suicide	4,354
Misuse	1,013
Abuse	808
Unknown	257
Other	1,655
Contamination/Tampering	137
Malicious	103
Adverse Reaction/Drug	653
Adverse Reaction/Other	559
Other	10
Unknown	193

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	27,095
Healthcare Facility	9,299
Other	507
Refused Referral	402
Unknown	17

Medical Outcome

No Effect	11,812
Minor Effect	22,074
Moderate Effect	1,779
Major Effect	209
Death	32
Other/Unknown	1,414

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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. Foreign bodies
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. Antihistamines
7. Vitamins
8. Pesticides
9. Antimicrobials
10. Art & crafts products

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Cough and cold medicines
4. Antidepressants
5. Antihistamines
6. Foreign bodies
7. Cosmetics and personal care products
8. Stimulants and street drugs
9. Household cleaning products
10. Alcohols

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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