



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2010 Statistical Report
State of Maryland

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	35,895	Animal Exposures	1,981
< 12 months	1,820	Information Calls	24,897
1 year	5,611		
2 years	5,442		
3 years	2,443		
4 years	1,227		
5 years	723		
6-12 years	2,254		
13-19 years	2,526		
Adult	13,776		
Unknown age	73		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	27,444
General	17,212
Environmental	556
Occupational	438
Therapeutic Error	4,700
Misuse	3,747
Bite or Sting	423
Food Poisoning	329
Unknown	39
Intentional	6,639
Suspected Suicide	4,299
Misuse	1,056
Abuse	902
Unknown	382
Other	1,812
Contamination/Tampering	119
Malicious	143
Adverse Reaction/Drug	721
Adverse Reaction/Other	568
Other	23
Unknown	238

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	25,526
Healthcare Facility	9,470
Other	443
Refused Referral	440
Unknown	16

Medical Outcome

No Effect	11,225
Minor Effect	20,946
Moderate Effect	1,979
Major Effect	207
Death	35
Other/Unknown	1,503

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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. Vitamins
7. Antihistamines
8. Pesticides
9. Plants
10. Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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