



2017 Statistical Report Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1582	Animal Exposures	50
< 12 months	63	Information Calls	312
1 year	177		
2 years	171		
3 years	95		
4 years	50		
5 years	37		
6-12 years	166		
13-19 years	169		
20-59 years	445		
>60 years	197		
Unknown age	12		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	1170
General	613
Environmental	51
Occupational	23
Therapeutic Error	273
Misuse	176
Bite or Sting	19
Food Poisoning	14
Unknown	1
Intentional	337
Suspected Suicide	218
Misuse	59
Abuse	52
Unknown	8
Other	75
Contamination/Tampering	9
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	43
Adverse Reaction/Other	10
Other/Unknown	8

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	1001
Healthcare Facility	481
Refused Referral	19
Other/Unknown	81

Medical Outcome

No Effect	424
Minor Effect	959
Moderate Effect	115
Major Effect	17
Death	2
Other/Unknown	65

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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)

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Lacrimators (pepper spray)
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Household cleaning products
4. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Foreign bodies

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. Stimulants and street drugs
5. Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Anticonvulsants
5. Alcohols

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. *(tie)* Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)
Household cleaning products