



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2006 Statistical Report
Washington County, MD

County accounted for 3.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	1107	Animal Exposures	48
< 12 months	62	Information Calls	601
1 year	204		
2 years	216		
3 years	95		
4 years	41		
5 years	25		
6-12 years	82		
13-19 years	73		
Adult	293		
Unknown age	16		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	943
General	730
Environmental	6
Occupational	15
Therapeutic Error	117
Misuse	63
Bite or Sting	9
Food Poisoning	2
Unknown	1
Intentional	132
Suspected Suicide	104
Misuse	15
Abuse	12
Unknown	1
Other	32
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	18
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Unknown	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	843
Healthcare Facility	240
Other	16
Refused Referral	8

Medical Outcome

No Effect	400
Minor Effect	634
Moderate Effect	39
Major Effect	7
Death	2
Other/Unknown	23

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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. Cold and cough medicines
7. Plants
8. Vitamins
9. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. *(tie)* Household cleaning products
Cosmetics and personal care products
5. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Chemicals
7. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Cold and cough medicines
Foreign bodies
10. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Heart medicines
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
Vitamins

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

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

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