



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2006 Statistical Report
Worcester County, MD

County accounted for 1.2% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	388	Animal Exposures	24
< 12 months	25	Information Calls	438
1 year	73		
2 years	61		
3 years	36		
4 years	11		
5 years	4		
6-12 years	18		
13-19 years	21		
Adult	138		
Unknown age	1		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	332
General	237
Environmental	1
Occupational	5
Therapeutic Error	55
Misuse	27
Bite or Sting	5
Food Poisoning	2
Intentional	43
Suspected Suicide	28
Misuse	6
Abuse	7
Unknown	2
Other	13
Adverse Reaction/Drug	12
Unknown	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	289
Healthcare Facility	93
Other	1
Refused Referral	5

Medical Outcome

No Effect	122
Minor Effect	240
Moderate Effect	14
Major Effect	2
Death	3
Other/Unknown	7

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Foreign bodies
4. Household cleaning products
5. Topical medicines
6. Hormones
7. Cold and cough medicines
8. *(tie)* Pesticides
Vitamins
10. *(tie)* Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)
Heart medicines
Plants

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Alcohols
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Pesticides
6. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Asthma medicines
Chemicals
Food products
Foreign bodies
Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Heart medicines
4. Household cleaning products
5. Antidepressants
6. Topical medicines (for the skin)
7. *(tie)* Anticholinergic medicines
Anticonvulsants
9. *(tie)* Antihistamines
Cold and cough medicines