



**Maryland Poison Center**  
*University of Maryland School of Pharmacy*

**2007 Statistical Report**  
**Worcester County, MD**

County accounted for 1.0% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

|                              |            |                          |            |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total human exposures</b> | <b>370</b> | <b>Animal Exposures</b>  | <b>30</b>  |
| < 12 months                  | 22         | <b>Information Calls</b> | <b>477</b> |
| 1 year                       | 69         |                          |            |
| 2 years                      | 59         |                          |            |
| 3 years                      | 21         |                          |            |
| 4 years                      | 15         |                          |            |
| 5 years                      | 4          |                          |            |
| 6-12 years                   | 20         |                          |            |
| 13-19 years                  | 31         |                          |            |
| Adult                        | 129        |                          |            |

**Reason for exposure**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Unintentional</b>    | <b>307</b> |
| General                 | 201        |
| Environmental           | 4          |
| Occupational            | 7          |
| Therapeutic Error       | 61         |
| Misuse                  | 28         |
| Bite or Sting           | 3          |
| Food Poisoning          | 3          |
| <b>Intentional</b>      | <b>48</b>  |
| Suspected Suicide       | 32         |
| Misuse                  | 3          |
| Abuse                   | 13         |
| <b>Other</b>            | <b>15</b>  |
| Contamination/Tampering | 6          |
| Malicious               | 1          |
| Adverse Reaction/Drug   | 6          |
| Adverse Reaction/Food   | 1          |
| Unknown                 | 1          |

**Management Site**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| On site/non Healthcare Facility | 272 |
| Healthcare Facility             | 90  |
| Other                           | 4   |
| Refused Referral                | 4   |

**Medical Outcome**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| No Effect       | 135 |
| Minor Effect    | 208 |
| Moderate Effect | 18  |
| Major Effect    | 1   |
| Death           | 0   |
| Other/Unknown   | 8   |

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**Most common exposures, children under 6 years:**

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Household cleaning products  
Foreign bodies
5. Topical medicines
6. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines  
Pesticides
8. Antimicrobials
9. *(tie)* Antidepressants  
Antihistamines  
Heart medicines

**Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:**

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines  
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Alcohols
5. *(tie)* Antidepressants  
Fire extinguishers
7. *(tie)* Foreign bodies  
Stimulants and street drugs

**Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:**

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. *(tie)* Heart medicines  
Pesticides
6. Hormones
7. *(tie)* Alcohols  
Antimicrobials  
Cosmetic and personal care products
10. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines  
Household cleaning products  
Hydrocarbons