



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

**2008 Statistical Report**  
**Talbot County, MD**

County accounted for 1.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

**Types of Calls**

<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>24</b>
< 12 months	11	<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>181</b>
1 year	47		
2 years	43		
3 years	24		
4 years	13		
5 years	9		
6-12 years	36		
13-19 years	37		
Adult	175		

**Reason for exposure**

<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>272</b>
General	158
Environmental	1
Occupational	13
Therapeutic Error	50
Misuse	44
Bite or Sting	3
Food Poisoning	3
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>110</b>
Suspected Suicide	76
Misuse	17
Abuse	14
Unknown	3
<b>Other</b>	<b>13</b>
Adverse Reaction/Drug	5
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Contamination/tampering	1
Unknown	3

**Management Site**

On site/non Healthcare Facility	230
Healthcare Facility	152
Other	9
Refused Referral	4

**Medical Outcome**

No Effect	121
Minor Effect	220
Moderate Effect	27
Major Effect	3
Death	0
Other/Unknown	24

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

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics
3. Household cleaning products
4. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines  
Foreign bodies
6. Topical medicines (for the skin)
7. Arts and crafts products
8. *(tie)* Pesticides  
Plants
10. *(tie)* Antihistamines  
Gastrointestinal medicines (for the stomach)  
Hormones  
Vitamins

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

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)  
Cold and cough medicines  
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Antidepressants
5. *(tie)* Food poisoning and food products  
Plants
7. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants  
Stimulants and street drugs
9. Alcohols
10. *(tie)* Dietary supplements  
Muscle relaxants

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

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