



2008 Statistical Report Worcester County, MD

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

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	389	Animal Exposures	28
< 12 months	19	Information Calls	456
1 year	67		
2 years	55		
3 years	29		
4 years	12		
5 years	4		
6-12 years	31		
13-19 years	25		
Adult	147		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	324
General	187
Environmental	1
Occupational	13
Therapeutic Error	59
Misuse	53
Bite or Sting	4
Food Poisoning	7
Intentional	44
Suspected Suicide	28
Misuse	9
Abuse	5
Unknown	2
Other	21
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	12
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Withdrawal	1
Unknown	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	295
Healthcare Facility	87
Other	2
Refused Referral	5

Medical Outcome

No Effect	125
Minor Effect	227
Moderate Effect	14
Major Effect	2
Death	2
Other/Unknown	19

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Household cleaning products
4. Vitamins
5. Pesticides
6. Plants
7. *(tie)* Topical medicines (for the skin)
Foreign bodies
9. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Electrolytes and minerals

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Foreign bodies
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Cold and cough medicines
4. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
6. *(tie)* Food products/food poisoning
Fumes, gases, vapors
Heart medicines
Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Household cleaning products
5. *(tie)* Heart medicines
Alcohols
7. Fumes, gases, vapors
8. Cosmetic and personal care products
9. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Hormones