

# Data Facts

**Description** Carbon monoxide poisoning data

**Owner** Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission

**Original home** Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission

**Years available** 2000-2009

**Source of data** Medical record abstract of clinical, demographic, and billing data on all inpatient discharges and outpatient encounters from Maryland's 47 hospitals

## *What's reported*

## *How it's reported*

### **Carbon monoxide poisoning hospital discharges**

**Inpatient hospitalizations**

Counts and rates

**Emergency department visits**

### **Other information**

Location

County

Time frame

Calendar year

**Level of geographic detail** County

Number of counties in state (including Baltimore City) **24**

Number of counties included in data **24**

### **Why these data are important**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is often called the "Silent Killer" because of its ability to take lives quickly and quietly when its victims never even knew they were at risk. It is undetectable to humans, being both tasteless and odorless, and in high enough concentrations it can kill within minutes. CO claims hundreds of lives each year, and survivors of CO poisoning can be left with psychological and neurological symptoms. CO victims could be saved through education, awareness, and simple protection.

**Keywords** *Carbon monoxide, Carbon monoxide poisoning, Unintentional poisoning, Indoor pollution, Toxic gas, Combustion, smoke, CO, Monoxide, Carbon monoxide hospitalizations, Carbon monoxide hospital admissions*

### **Questions**

Are any of the data confidential? **No**

Can I download the data? **Yes**

How often are the data updated? **Once a year**

Were the data checked for quality? **Yes**

### **Contacts**

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