

2016 Statistical Report Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	282	Animal Exposures	11
< 12 months	9		
1 year	22	Information Calls	121
2 years	33		
3 years	18		
4 years	9		
5 years	5		
6-12 years	11		
13-19 years	16		
20-59 years	138		
>60 years	20		
Unknown age	1		

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Reason for exposure

Unintentional 158 General 92 Environmental Occupational Therapeutic Error 35 Misuse 20

Bite or Sting 1 Food poisoning 3 Unknown 2 115 Intentional Suspected Suicide 58 Misuse 10 Abuse 44

Other	
Contaminati	on/tampering
Malicious	

Unknown

Adverse Reaction/Drug Adverse Reaction/Other Unknown

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	116
Healthcare Facility	161
Other	3
Refused Referral	2
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Medical Outcome

No Effect	55
Minor Effect	159
Moderate Effect	44
Major Effect	11
Death	0
Other/Unknown	13

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

- 1. Household cleaning products
- 2. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 4. Antihistamines
- 5. *(tie)* Dietary supplements Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

- 1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)

 Household cleaning products
- 3. (tie) Alcohols

Anticonvulsants

Antihistamines

Cold and cough medicines

Cosmetics and personal care products

Heart medicines

Sedatives and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

- 1. Stimulants and street drugs
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Alcohols
- 4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 5. Antidepressants

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
 Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 5. (tie) 5 substances with 2 exposures each

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