

2020 Statistical Report: Allegany County, MD

County accounted for 1.6% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Reasons for Exposure

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human	517
exposures	
< 12 months	21
1 year	55
2 years	53
3 years	34
4 years	11
5 years	8
6-12 years	17
13-19 years	29
20-59 years	232
> 60 years	49
Unknown age	8
Animal Exposures	13
Information Calls	93

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	321
General	181
Environmental	4
Occupational	1
Therapeutic Error	72
Misuse	56
Bite or Sting	4
Food Poisoning	3
Intentional	174
Suspected Suicide	84
Misuse	10
Abuse	76
Unknown	4
Other	22
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	10
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Other/Unknown	6

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	288
Healthcare Facility	212
Other	10
Refused Referral	7

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	82
Minor Effect	311
Moderate Effect	45
Major Effect	61
Death	5
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. Dietary supplements
- 5. Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

- 1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Antidepressants
- 3. (tie) Heart medicines; Lacrimators (pepper spray)

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Antidepressants
- 3. Heart medicines
- 4. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 4. Alcohols
- 5. Anticoagulants (blood thinners)