

2020 Statistical Report: Wicomico County, MD

County accounted for 2.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human	668
exposures	
< 12 months	30
1 year	71
2 years	58
3 years	31
4 years	23
5 years	14
6-12 years	42
13-19 years	61
20-59 years	254
> 60 years	73
Unknown age	11
Animal Exposures	25
Information Calls	196

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	443
General	237
Environmental	5
Occupational	13
Therapeutic Error	99
Misuse	70
Bite or Sting	9
Food Poisoning	9
Unknown	1
Intentional	184
Suspected Suicide	139
Misuse	20
Abuse	22
Unknown	3
Other	41
Contamination/Tampering	5
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	24
Adverse Reaction/Other	1
Other/Unknown	10
Other/Unknown	10

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	356
Healthcare Facility	290
Other	10
Refused Referral	12

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	138
Minor Effect	385
Moderate Effect	81
Major Effect	19
Death	0
Other/Unknown	45

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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. Foreign bodies and toys
- 5. Dietary supplements

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

- 1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Cosmetics and personal care products
- 3. (tie) Antihistamines; Asthma medicines; Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antidepressants
- 3. Stimulants and street drugs
- 4. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products; Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 4. Antidepressants
- 5. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)