

2022 Statistical Report: Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 16.2% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	4798
< 12 months	190
1 year	513
2 years	412
3 years	222
4 years	123
5 years	72
6-12 years	264
13-19 years	519
20-59 years	1820
> 60 years	538
Unknown age	125
Animal Exposures	73
Information Calls	1675

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	3112
General	1568
Environmental	122
Occupational	73
Therapeutic Error	737
Misuse	528
Bite or Sting	22
Food Poisoning	54
Unknown	8
Intentional	1340
Suspected Suicide	900
Misuse	155
Abuse	254
Unknown	31
Other	346
Contamination/Tampering	20
Malicious	19
Adverse Reaction/Drug	157
Adverse Reaction/Other	49
Other/Unknown	101

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	2563
Healthcare Facility	2079
Other	70
Refused Referral	86

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	967
Minor Effect	2766
Moderate Effect	516
Major Effect	207
Death	19
Other/Unknown	323

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Household cleaning products
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. Heart medicines
4. (tie) Antihistamines; Foreign bodies and toys

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. Household cleaning products
5. Anticonvulsants

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Antidepressants

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