

2021 Statistical Report: Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.6% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	193
< 12 months	6
1 year	28
2 years	25
3 years	15
4 years	3
5 years	5
6-12 years	8
13-19 years	17
20-59 years	53
> 60 years	31
Unknown age	2
Animal Exposures	1
Information Calls	18

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	151
General	79
Environmental	1
Occupational	8
Therapeutic Error	39
Misuse	19
Bite or Sting	3
Food Poisoning	2
Unknown	0
Intentional	33
Suspected Suicide	26
Misuse	4
Abuse	3
Unknown	0
Other	9
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	7
Adverse Reaction/Other	0
Other/Unknown	1

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	122
Healthcare Facility	68
Other	3
Refused Referral	0

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	43
Minor Effect	121
Moderate Effect	22
Major Effect	3
Death	0
Other/Unknown	4

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. Vitamins
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Dietary supplements
5. Cosmetics and personal care products

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. (tie) Alcohols; Household cleaning products; Stimulants and street drugs; Topical medicines (for the skin)

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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