

2013 Statistical Report Worcester County, MD

County accounted for 1.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	352	Animal Exposures
< 12 months	11	-
1 year	37	Information Calls
2 years	44	
3 years	31	
4 years	12	
5 years	7	
6-12 years	23	
13-19 years	25	
20-59 years	101	
>60 years	57	
Unknown child	1	
Unknown adult	3	

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	275
General	141
Environmental	0
Occupational	6
Therapeutic Error	69
Misuse	45
Bite or Sting	4
Food Poisoning	10
Intentional	55
Suspected Suicide	36
Misuse	7
Abuse	10
Unknown	2
Other	22
Malicious	4
Contamination/tampering	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	16
Adverse Reaction/Other	1
Unknown	1

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	232
Healthcare Facility	106
Other	12
Refused Referral	2

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Medical Outcome

No Effect	110
Minor Effect	204
Moderate Effect	22
Major Effect	7
Death	0
Other/Unknown	9

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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
- 5. Topical medicines (for the skin)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

- 1. Antihistamines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines Cosmetic and personal care products
- 5. *(tie)* Dietary supplements Food products and food poisoning Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
- 3. Alcohols
- 4. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants Antihistamines

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers) Heart medicines
- 3. Cosmetic and personal care products
- 4. (tie) Anticoagulants
 - Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)