

2020 Statistical Report: Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 16% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Reasons for Exposure

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human	5035
exposures	
< 12 months	184
1 year	540
2 years	426
3 years	241
4 years	120
5 years	69
6-12 years	229
13-19 years	434
20-59 years	2065
> 60 years	588
Unknown age	139
Animal Exposures	133
Information Calls	1576

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	3187
General	1606
Environmental	123
Occupational	52
Therapeutic Error	635
Misuse	669
Bite or Sting	21
Food Poisoning	66
Unknown	15
Intentional	1470
Suspected Suicide	850
Misuse	172
Abuse	390
Unknown	58
Other	378
Contamination/Tampering	23
Malicious	30
Adverse Reaction/Drug	172
Adverse Reaction/Other	48
Other/Unknown	105

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	2810
Healthcare Facility	2018
Other	44
Refused Referral	163

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	862
Minor Effect	2934
Moderate Effect	531
Major Effect	307
Death	14
Other/Unknown	387

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

- 1. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 2. Household cleaning 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) Household cleaning products; Vitamins
- 5. Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antidepressants
- 3. Stimulants and street drugs
- 4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 5. (tie) Antihistamines; Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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

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