

2020 Statistical Report: Charles County, MD

County accounted for 2.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	890
< 12 months	35
1 year	131
2 years	91
3 years	40
4 years	22
5 years	20
6-12 years	68
13-19 years	74
20-59 years	296
> 60 years	88
Unknown age	25
Animal Exposures	22
Information Calls	164

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	662
General	367
Environmental	10
Occupational	7
Therapeutic Error	137
Misuse	126
Bite or Sting	11
Food Poisoning	4
Unknown	0
Intentional	194
Suspected Suicide	143
Misuse	23
Abuse	23
Unknown	5
Other	34
Contamination/Tampering	4
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	8
Adverse Reaction/Other	9
Other/Unknown	7

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	604
Healthcare Facility	258
Other	11
Refused Referral	17

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	174
Minor Effect	578
Moderate Effect	63
Major Effect	14
Death	3
Other/Unknown	58

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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. (tie) Topical medicines (for the skin); Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. (tie) Antihistamines; Cold and cough medicines
5. Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Heart medicines
3. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products; Household cleaning products
5. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)