

2021 Statistical Report: Worcester County, MD

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

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human	338
exposures	
< 12 months	21
1 year	44
2 years	40
3 years	17
4 years	13
5 years	6
6-12 years	26
13-19 years	23
20-59 years	90
> 60 years	49
Unknown age	9
Animal Exposures	11
Information Calls	105

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	279
General	151
Environmental	4
Occupational	7
Therapeutic Error	57
Misuse	51
Bite or Sting	7
Food Poisoning	2
Unknown	0
Intentional	40
Suspected Suicide	26
Misuse	3
Abuse	10
Unknown	1
Other	19
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	8
Adverse Reaction/Other	6
Other/Unknown	3

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	253
Healthcare Facility	77
Other	6
Refused Referral	2

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	64
Minor Effect	231
Moderate Effect	18
Major Effect	10
Death	1
Other/Unknown	14

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

- 1. Household cleaning products
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 4. Foreign bodies and toys
- 5. Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Heart medicines
- 3. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines); Miscellaneous medicines