

## 2022 Statistical Report: Howard County, MD

County accounted for 5.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

### Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1630</b>
< 12 months	66
1 year	184
2 years	172
3 years	84
4 years	46
5 years	41
6-12 years	119
13-19 years	217
20-59 years	456
> 60 years	196
Unknown age	49
<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>336</b>

### Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1237</b>
General	601
Environmental	36
Occupational	24
Therapeutic Error	354
Misuse	184
Bite or Sting	16
Food Poisoning	21
Unknown	1
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>315</b>
Suspected Suicide	226
Misuse	37
Abuse	48
Unknown	4
<b>Other</b>	<b>78</b>
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	32
Adverse Reaction/Other	20
Other/Unknown	15

### Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	1103
Healthcare Facility	439
Other	60
Refused Referral	28

### Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	379
Minor Effect	1031
Moderate Effect	97
Major Effect	40
Death	3
Other/Unknown	80

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### Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

### Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. (tie) Antihistamines; Cosmetics and personal care products
3. (tie) Foreign bodies and toys; Plants
5. (tie) Household cleaning products; Stimulants and street drugs

### Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

### Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

### Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
5. Antidepressants