

## 2020 Statistical Report: Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

### Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1519</b>
< 12 months	59
1 year	171
2 years	152
3 years	108
4 years	49
5 years	17
6-12 years	89
13-19 years	188
20-59 years	456
> 60 years	184
Unknown age	46
<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>273</b>

### Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1140</b>
General	608
Environmental	28
Occupational	12
Therapeutic Error	246
Misuse	209
Bite or Sting	14
Food Poisoning	20
Unknown	3
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>310</b>
Suspected Suicide	198
Misuse	31
Abuse	64
Unknown	17
<b>Other</b>	<b>69</b>
Contamination/Tampering	5
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	39
Adverse Reaction/Other	14
Other/Unknown	8

### Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	1059
Healthcare Facility	398
Other	34
Refused Referral	28

### Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	298
Minor Effect	1006
Moderate Effect	88
Major Effect	54
Death	4
Other/Unknown	69

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

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

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

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

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

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. (tie) Alcohols; Antihistamines; Cosmetics and personal care products

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

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

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

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