

2020 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 exposures	350
< 12 months	18
1 year	58
2 years	57
3 years	16
4 years	5
5 years	1
6-12 years	21
13-19 years	18
20-59 years	110
> 60 years	36
Unknown age	10
Animal Exposures	23
Information Calls	100

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	301
General	171
Environmental	4
Occupational	11
Therapeutic Error	58
Misuse	51
Bite or Sting	4
Food Poisoning	2
Unknown	0
Intentional	38
Suspected Suicide	18
Misuse	7
Abuse	13
Unknown	0
Other	11
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	6
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Other/Unknown	1

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	279
Healthcare Facility	63
Other	2
Refused Referral	6

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	78
Minor Effect	238
Moderate Effect	12
Major Effect	8
Death	0
Other/Unknown	14

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Sedatives and antipsychotics; Stimulants and street drugs
4. Antidepressants
5. Several substance tied with 2 exposures

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Antidepressants
5. (tie) Fumes, gases & vapors; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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