

2021 Statistical Report: Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	233
< 12 months	12
1 year	30
2 years	40
3 years	16
4 years	6
5 years	5
6-12 years	12
13-19 years	21
20-59 years	62
> 60 years	24
Unknown age	5
Animal Exposures	7
Information Calls	28

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	172
General	110
Environmental	1
Occupational	3
Therapeutic Error	26
Misuse	26
Bite or Sting	2
Food Poisoning	4
Unknown	0
Intentional	50
Suspected Suicide	36
Misuse	5
Abuse	8
Unknown	1
Other	11
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	4
Adverse Reaction/Other	1
Other/Unknown	6

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	144
Healthcare Facility	83
Other	5
Refused Referral	1

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	53
Minor Effect	148
Moderate Effect	16
Major Effect	8
Death	0
Other/Unknown	8

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products; Household cleaning products
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Foreign bodies and toys
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Sedatives and antipsychotics; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Anticonvulsants
4. Antidepressants
5. (tie) Alcohols; Chemicals; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
2. Anticonvulsants
3. Heart medicines
4. Several substances tied with 2 exposures