

2023 Statistical Report: Allegany County, MD

County accounted for 1.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	562
< 12 months	24
1 year	63
2 years	52
3 years	21
4 years	18
5 years	8
6-12 years	26
13-19 years	55
20-59 years	220
> 60 years	61
Unknown age	14
Animal Exposures	12
Information Calls	77

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	359
General	189
Environmental	12
Occupational	3
Therapeutic Error	97
Misuse	42
Bite or Sting	6
Food Poisoning	8
Unknown	2
Intentional	180
Suspected Suicide	107
Misuse	16
Abuse	53
Unknown	4
Other	23
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	11
Adverse Reaction/Other	1
Other/Unknown	10

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	295
Healthcare Facility	244
Other/Unknown	19
Refused Referral	4

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	183
Minor Effect	251
Moderate Effect	63
Major Effect	37
Death	0
Other/Unknown	28

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. (tie) Arts, crafts, and office supplies; Adhesives and glues; Deodorizers; Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Sedatives and antipsychotics
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Anticonvulsants
5. Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Anticonvulsants; Antidepressants