

2023 Statistical Report: Baltimore County, MD

County accounted for 17.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Reasons for Exposure

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human	5112
exposures	
< 12 months	243
1 year	561
2 years	512
3 years	324
4 years	164
5 years	117
6-12 years	435
13-19 years	416
20-59 years	1474
> 60 years	641
Unknown age	225
Animal Exposures	106
Information Calls	1232

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	4016
General	1992
Environmental	110
Occupational	62
Therapeutic Error	1093
Misuse	650
Bite or Sting	32
Food Poisoning	70
Unknown	7
Intentional	856
Suspected Suicide	599
Misuse	120
Abuse	118
Unknown	19
Other	240
Contamination/Tampering	13
Malicious	10
Adverse Reaction/Drug	118
Adverse Reaction/Other	45
Other/Unknown	54

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	3586
Healthcare Facility	1279
Other	185
Refused Referral	62

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	1931
Minor Effect	2487
Moderate Effect	348
Major Effect	80
Death	9
Other/Unknown	257

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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. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 5. Dietary supplements

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

- 1. Foreign bodies and toys
- 2. Cosmetics and personal care products
- 3. Household cleaning products
- 4. Arts, crafts, office supplies
- 5. Analgesics (pain relievers)

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antidepressants
- 3. Antihistamines
- 4. Stimulants and street drugs
- 5. Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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

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