

2023 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	235
< 12 months	8
1 year	44
2 years	25
3 years	14
4 years	9
5 years	5
6-12 years	14
13-19 years	22
20-59 years	68
> 60 years	22
Unknown age	4
Animal Exposures	4
Information Calls	27

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	172
General	116
Environmental	2
Occupational	4
Therapeutic Error	28
Misuse	19
Bite or Sting	2
Food Poisoning	0
Unknown	1
Intentional	50
Suspected Suicide	34
Misuse	12
Abuse	4
Unknown	0
Other	13
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	6
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Other/Unknown	3

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	134
Healthcare Facility	90
Other	9
Refused Referral	2

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	92
Minor Effect	111
Moderate Effect	19
Major Effect	1
Death	0
Other/Unknown	12

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products; Household cleaning products
3. Foreign bodies and toys
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. (tie) Dietary supplements; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. (tie) Antidepressants; Antihistamines
5. (tie) Foreign bodies and toys; Vitamins

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. (tie) Antidepressants; Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. (tie) Antihistamines; Pesticides

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Heart medicines
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Antidepressants; Antimicrobials; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines); Stimulants and street drugs