

2023 Statistical Report: Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.2% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1858
< 12 months	77
1 year	237
2 years	210
3 years	114
4 years	76
5 years	37
6-12 years	140
13-19 years	165
20-59 years	539
> 60 years	197
Unknown age	66
Animal Exposures	45
Information Calls	261

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	1453
General	761
Environmental	19
Occupational	26
Therapeutic Error	392
Misuse	215
Bite or Sting	13
Food Poisoning	25
Unknown	2
Intentional	327
Suspected Suicide	220
Misuse	56
Abuse	49
Unknown	2
Other	78
Contamination/Tampering	7
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	37
Adverse Reaction/Other	12
Other/Unknown	19

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	1328
Healthcare Facility	463
Other	48
Refused Referral	19

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	693
Minor Effect	916
Moderate Effect	154
Major Effect	27
Death	3
Other/Unknown	65

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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. Plants

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antihistamines
3. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products; Household cleaning products
5. Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines); Household cleaning products