

2023 Statistical Report: Montgomery County, MD

NOTE: This report reflects only the calls to the Maryland Poison Center from Montgomery County. For complete statistics regarding Montgomery County, statistics from the National Capital Poison Center should also be consulted.

County accounted for 1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	292
< 12 months	10
1 year	33
2 years	39
3 years	19
4 years	11
5 years	7
6-12 years	13
13-19 years	14
20-59 years	91
> 60 years	40
Unknown age	15
Animal Exposures	7
Information Calls	61

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	254
General	114
Environmental	11
Occupational	4
Therapeutic Error	70
Misuse	47
Bite or Sting	3
Food Poisoning	5
Unknown	0
Intentional	30
Suspected Suicide	22
Misuse	5
Abuse	1
Unknown	2
Other	8
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	4
Adverse Reaction/Other	0
Other/Unknown	3

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	229
Healthcare Facility	47
Other	15
Refused Referral	1

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	104
Minor Effect	139
Moderate Effect	5
Major Effect	1
Death	0
Other/Unknown	43

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Household cleaning products
5. Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antihistamines
3. *Several substances tied with 2 exposures each*

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. (tie) Fumes, gases, or vapors; Household cleaning products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Antihistamines
5. Antidepressants

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. (tie) Heart medicines; Miscellaneous medicines
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Antimicrobials; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines); Sedatives and antipsychotics