

2023 Statistical Report: St. Mary's County, MD

County accounted for 2.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	865
< 12 months	33
1 year	106
2 years	87
3 years	57
4 years	27
5 years	17
6-12 years	74
13-19 years	92
20-59 years	252
> 60 years	95
Unknown age	25
Animal Exposures	11
Information Calls	76

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	648
General	328
Environmental	7
Occupational	12
Therapeutic Error	171
Misuse	98
Bite or Sting	21
Food Poisoning	9
Unknown	2
Intentional	181
Suspected Suicide	89
Misuse	23
Abuse	61
Unknown	8
Other	36
Contamination/Tampering	4
Malicious	4
Adverse Reaction/Drug	20
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Other/Unknown	6

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	542
Healthcare Facility	270
Other	39
Refused Referral	14

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	294
Minor Effect	418
Moderate Effect	67
Major Effect	32
Death	1
Other/Unknown	53

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Foreign bodies and toys
3. (tie) Antihistamines; Chemicals; Cosmetics and personal care products; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. Stimulants and street drugs
5. Alcohols

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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