

2023 Statistical Report: Washington County, MD

County accounted for 3.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human	943
exposures	
< 12 months	42
1 year	110
2 years	94
3 years	50
4 years	28
5 years	10
6-12 years	80
13-19 years	90
20-59 years	322
> 60 years	95
Unknown age	22
Animal Exposures	12
Information Calls	104

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	681
General	362
Environmental	17
Occupational	23
Therapeutic Error	167
Misuse	88
Bite or Sting	14
Food Poisoning	10
Unknown	0
Intentional	218
Suspected Suicide	170
Misuse	20
Abuse	26
Unknown	2
Other	44
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	5
Adverse Reaction/Drug	19
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Other/Unknown	15

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	528
Healthcare Facility	378
Other	25
Refused Referral	12

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	349
Minor Effect	438
Moderate Effect	92
Major Effect	17
Death	0
Other/Unknown	47

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

- 1. Foreign bodies and toys
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. Antihistamines
- 4. Stimulants and street drugs
- 5. (tie) Arts, crafts, and office supplies; Household cleaning products; Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antidepressants
- 3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 4. Anticonvulsants
- 5. Cosmetics and personal care products

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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