

2023 Statistical Report: Worcester County, MD

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

Types of Calls

Reasons for Exposure

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human	314
exposures	
< 12 months	18
1 year	36
2 years	33
3 years	20
4 years	16
5 years	6
6-12 years	22
13-19 years	19
20-59 years	87
> 60 years	39
Unknown age	18
Animal Exposures	12
Information Calls	141

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	260
General	126
Environmental	8
Occupational	8
Therapeutic Error	82
Misuse	31
Bite or Sting	2
Food Poisoning	3
Unknown	0
Intentional	40
Suspected Suicide	24
Misuse	9
Abuse	7
Unknown	0
Other	14
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	7
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Other/Unknown	2

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	233
Healthcare Facility	69
Other	7
Refused Referral	5

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	126
Minor Effect	154
Moderate Effect	15
Major Effect	7
Death	0
Other/Unknown	12

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antihistamines
- 3. (tie) Antidepressants; Foreign bodies and toys; Paints and stripping agents

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

- 1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 2. Antidepressants
- 3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
- 4. (tie) Fumes, gases, and vapors; Heart medicines; Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

- 1. Heart medicines
- 2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
- 3. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
- 5. Antidepressants