

2024 Statistical Report: Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

| Call Types | Number of Cases |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total human exposures | 1,870 |
| < 12 months | 77 |
| 1 year | 247 |
| 2 years | 199 |
| 3 years | 108 |
| 4 years | 77 |
| 5 years | 49 |
| 6-12 years | 174 |
| 13-19 years | 161 |
| 20-59 years | 500 |
| > 60 years | 218 |
| Unknown age | 60 |
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| Animal Exposures | 45 |
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| Information Calls | 239 |

Reasons for Exposure

| Exposure | Number of Cases |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Unintentional | 1,515 |
| General | 758 |
| Environmental | 75 |
| Occupational | 21 |
| Therapeutic Error | 412 |
| Misuse | 217 |
| Bite or Sting | 8 |
| Food Poisoning | 22 |
| Unknown | 2 |
| | |
| Intentional | 266 |
| Suspected Suicide | 196 |
| Misuse | 31 |
| Abuse | 35 |
| Unknown | 4 |
| | |
| Other | 89 |
| Contamination/Tampering | 11 |
| Malicious | 3 |
| Adverse Reaction/Drug | 42 |
| Adverse Reaction/Other | 21 |
| Other/Unknown | 12 |

Management Site

| Location | Number of Cases |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| On site/non Healthcare Facility | 1,347 |
| Healthcare Facility | 448 |
| Other/Unknown | 66 |
| Refused Referral | 9 |

Medical Outcome

| Outcome | Number of Cases |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| No Effect | 999 |
| Minor Effect | 668 |
| Moderate Effect | 120 |
| Major Effect | 27 |
| Death | 1 |
| Other/Unknown | 55 |

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Plants
2. Foreign bodies and toys
3. Cosmetics and personal care products
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. (tie) Electrolytes and minerals; Heart medicines

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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