

## 2024 Statistical Report: Howard County, MD

County accounted for 4.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

### Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
<b>Total human exposures</b>	<b>1,493</b>
< 12 months	63
1 year	138
2 years	117
3 years	82
4 years	52
5 years	41
6-12 years	165
13-19 years	184
20-59 years	423
> 60 years	178
Unknown age	50
<b>Animal Exposures</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Information Calls</b>	<b>218</b>

### Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
<b>Unintentional</b>	<b>1,128</b>
General	549
Environmental	52
Occupational	21
Therapeutic Error	294
Misuse	162
Bite or Sting	14
Food Poisoning	32
Unknown	4
<b>Intentional</b>	<b>294</b>
Suspected Suicide	207
Misuse	43
Abuse	37
Unknown	7
<b>Other</b>	<b>71</b>
Contamination/Tampering	5
Malicious	6
Adverse Reaction/Drug	32
Adverse Reaction/Other	11
Other/Unknown	17

### Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	927
Healthcare Facility	481
Other/Unknown	75
Refused Referral	10

### Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	698
Minor Effect	567
Moderate Effect	146
Major Effect	27
Death	2
Other/Unknown	53

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### Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

### Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Antihistamines
4. Arts, crafts, and office supplies
5. (tie) Analgesics; Antidepressants; Dietary supplements

### Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

### Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

### Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
3. Antidepressants
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics