

2024 Statistical Report: Washington County, MD

County accounted for 3.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1,063
< 12 months	36
1 year	104
2 years	99
3 years	51
4 years	33
5 years	10
6-12 years	73
13-19 years	99
20-59 years	384
> 60 years	154
Unknown age	20
Animal Exposures	12
Information Calls	138

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	718
General	332
Environmental	30
Occupational	22
Therapeutic Error	205
Misuse	111
Bite or Sting	8
Food Poisoning	8
Unknown	2
Intentional	297
Suspected Suicide	218
Misuse	27
Abuse	40
Unknown	12
Other	48
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	26
Adverse Reaction/Other	8
Other/Unknown	12

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	555
Healthcare Facility	460
Other/Unknown	39
Refused Referral	9

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	449
Minor Effect	412
Moderate Effect	108
Major Effect	35
Death	0
Other/Unknown	59

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Antihistamines
4. Cosmetics and personal care products
5. Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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