



**2017 Statistical Report
Dorchester County, MD**

County accounted for 0.9% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	306	Animal Exposures	4
< 12 months	11	Information Calls	97
1 year	30		
2 years	20		
3 years	16		
4 years	6		
5 years	5		
6-12 years	14		
13-19 years	24		
20-59 years	141		
>60 years	37		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	177
General	81
Environmental	6
Occupational	5
Therapeutic Error	54
Misuse	27
Bite or Sting	2
Food poisoning	1
Unknown	2
Intentional	117
Suspected Suicide	47
Misuse	17
Abuse	48
Unknown	5
Other	12
Contamination/tampering	0
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	9
Adverse Reaction/Other	0
Unknown	3

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	143
Healthcare Facility	156
Other	5
Refused Referral	2

Medical Outcome

No Effect	52
Minor Effect	191
Moderate Effect	42
Major Effect	8
Death	1
Other/Unknown	12

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Stimulants and street drugs
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Antihistamines
4. Antidepressants
5. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Stimulants and street drugs
2. Anticonvulsants
3. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Alcohols

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
5. Sedatives and antipsychotics