



2019 Statistical Report Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	246	Animal Exposures	6
< 12 months	13	Information Calls	46
1 year	27		
2 years	25		
3 years	10		
4 years	3		
5 years	6		
6-12 years	11		
13-19 years	20		
20-59 years	104		
>60 years	25		
Unknown age	2		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	155
General	91
Environmental	3
Occupational	4
Therapeutic Error	31
Misuse	19
Bite or Sting	3
Food Poisoning	3
Unknown	1
Intentional	80
Suspected Suicide	44
Misuse	11
Abuse	21
Unknown	4
Other	11
Contamination/tampering	0
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	5
Adverse Reaction/Other	1
Unknown	3

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	122
Healthcare Facility	114
Other	4
Refused Referral	6

Medical Outcome

No Effect	39
Minor Effect	155
Moderate Effect	23
Major Effect	6
Death	2
Other/Unknown	21

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Foreign bodies and toys
4. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
Pesticides
Topical medicines (for the skin)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Cold and cough medicines
3. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Antihistamines
Dietary supplements
Miscellaneous food (capsaicin)
Household cleaning products
Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. *(tie)* Analgesics (pain relievers)
Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Asthma medicines
4. *(tie)* Dietary supplements
Heart medicines
Household cleaning products