

2019 Statistical Report State of Maryland

Note: The human exposure data in this report does not reflect approximately 6,000 cases that were misrouted by telecommunication carriers and managed by another poison center.

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	29,013	Animal Exposures	1,115
< 12 months	1,275	Information Calls	6,126
1 year	3,405		
2 years	2,963		
3 years	1,502		
4 years	782		
5 years	528		
6-12 years	1,959		
13-19 years	2,613		
20-59	10,287		
>60 years	3,122		
Unknown age	577		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	19,863
General	10,630
Environmental	633
Occupational	467
Therapeutic Error	4,527
Misuse	2,967
Bite or Sting	279
Food Poisoning	332
Unknown	28
Intentional	7,763
Suspected Suicide	4,295
Misuse	942
Abuse	2,264
Unknown	262
Other	1,387
Contamination/Tampering	99
Malicious	102
Adverse Reaction/Drug	737
Adverse Reaction/Other	178
Other	33
Unknown	238

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	16,534
Healthcare Facility	10,730
Other	979
Refused Referral	643
Unknown	127

Medical Outcome

No Effect	4,637
Minor Effect	18,308
Moderate Effect	2,431
Major Effect	1,131
Death	72
Other/Unknown	2,434

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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. Foreign bodies and toys
5. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Antihistamines
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Arts, crafts, and office supplies

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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