

2020 Statistical Report: Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	230
< 12 months	7
1 year	38
2 years	21
3 years	23
4 years	5
5 years	3
6-12 years	11
13-19 years	19
20-59 years	72
> 60 years	29
Unknown age	2
Animal Exposures	10
Information Calls	26

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	168
General	98
Environmental	3
Occupational	7
Therapeutic Error	35
Misuse	23
Bite or Sting	1
Food Poisoning	1
Unknown	0
Intentional	50
Suspected Suicide	34
Misuse	5
Abuse	6
Unknown	5
Other	12
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	2
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Other/Unknown	4

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	142
Healthcare Facility	80
Other	6
Refused Referral	2

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	50
Minor Effect	148
Moderate Effect	19
Major Effect	5
Death	0
Other/Unknown	8

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Cosmetics and personal care products
4. (tie) Antihistamines; Dietary supplements

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. (tie) Antidepressants; Sedatives and antipsychotics; Stimulants and street drugs
5. Anticonvulsants

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. (tie) Alcohols; Household cleaning products
4. Heart medicines
5. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. (tie) Antidepressants; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines); Household cleaning products; Topical medicines (for the skin)