

2020 Statistical Report: Harford County, MD

County accounted for 5.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1821
< 12 months	66
1 year	243
2 years	227
3 years	121
4 years	49
5 years	40
6-12 years	103
13-19 years	179
20-59 years	550
> 60 years	201
Unknown age	42
Animal Exposures	67
Information Calls	170

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	1370
General	745
Environmental	22
Occupational	23
Therapeutic Error	343
Misuse	204
Bite or Sting	17
Food Poisoning	14
Unknown	2
Intentional	371
Suspected Suicide	232
Misuse	42
Abuse	86
Unknown	11
Other	80
Contamination/Tampering	5
Malicious	8
Adverse Reaction/Drug	43
Adverse Reaction/Other	7
Other/Unknown	17

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	1236
Healthcare Facility	529
Other	20
Refused Referral	36

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	361
Minor Effect	1154
Moderate Effect	160
Major Effect	68
Death	3
Other/Unknown	75

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Dietary supplements
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. Vitamins
4. Antihistamines
5. Asthma medicines

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Household cleaning products