

2020 Statistical Report: Washington County, MD

County accounted for 3.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1033
< 12 months	41
1 year	99
2 years	102
3 years	57
4 years	17
5 years	19
6-12 years	45
13-19 years	105
20-59 years	420
> 60 years	105
Unknown age	23
Animal Exposures	25
Information Calls	146

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	647
General	350
Environmental	11
Occupational	19
Therapeutic Error	158
Misuse	88
Bite or Sting	12
Food Poisoning	7
Unknown	2
Intentional	328
Suspected Suicide	206
Misuse	38
Abuse	75
Unknown	9
Other	58
Contamination/Tampering	4
Malicious	13
Adverse Reaction/Drug	26
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Other/Unknown	10

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	544
Healthcare Facility	434
Other	29
Refused Referral	26

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	173
Minor Effect	619
Moderate Effect	119
Major Effect	27
Death	1
Other/Unknown	94

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Cosmetics and personal care products; Stimulants and street drugs
5. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Pesticides; Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Antihistamines
4. Anticonvulsants
5. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products; Sedatives and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Household cleaning products; Stimulants and street drugs