

2021 Statistical Report: Allegany County, MD

County accounted for 1.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	541
< 12 months	17
1 year	57
2 years	57
3 years	21
4 years	14
5 years	5
6-12 years	14
13-19 years	47
20-59 years	223
> 60 years	71
Unknown age	15
Animal Exposures	20
Information Calls	96

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	332
General	165
Environmental	4
Occupational	6
Therapeutic Error	104
Misuse	40
Bite or Sting	4
Food Poisoning	8
Unknown	1
Intentional	179
Suspected Suicide	91
Misuse	19
Abuse	63
Unknown	6
Other	30
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	11
Adverse Reaction/Other	2
Other/Unknown	8

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	289
Healthcare Facility	228
Other	13
Refused Referral	11

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	87
Minor Effect	324
Moderate Effect	45
Major Effect	50
Death	4
Other/Unknown	31

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Antidepressants
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. (tie) Antihistamines; Dietary supplements

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Antidepressants
2. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Antimicrobials
4. (tie) Antihistamines; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Antidepressants
5. Cosmetics and personal care products