

2021 Statistical Report: Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1789
< 12 months	94
1 year	247
2 years	223
3 years	118
4 years	51
5 years	47
6-12 years	115
13-19 years	153
20-59 years	515
> 60 years	172
Unknown age	54
Animal Exposures	51
Information Calls	193

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	1379
General	771
Environmental	12
Occupational	21
Therapeutic Error	339
Misuse	201
Bite or Sting	12
Food Poisoning	22
Unknown	1
Intentional	323
Suspected Suicide	226
Misuse	45
Abuse	43
Unknown	9
Other	87
Contamination/Tampering	7
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	51
Adverse Reaction/Other	16
Other/Unknown	10

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	1293
Healthcare Facility	440
Other	26
Refused Referral	30

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	342
Minor Effect	1219
Moderate Effect	123
Major Effect	29
Death	4
Other/Unknown	72

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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. (tie) Dietary supplements; Foreign bodies and toys

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Antihistamines
5. (tie) Antidepressants; Cold and cough medicines; Dietary supplements; Stimulants and street drugs; Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
4. Antidepressants
5. Household cleaning products

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