

2021 Statistical Report: Montgomery County, MD

NOTE: This report reflects only the calls to the Maryland Poison Center from Montgomery County. For complete statistics regarding Montgomery County, statistics from the National Capital Poison Center should also be consulted.

County accounted for 1.4% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	412
< 12 months	20
1 year	52
2 years	50
3 years	21
4 years	15
5 years	10
6-12 years	34
13-19 years	27
20-59 years	104
> 60 years	57
Unknown age	22
Animal Exposures	11
Information Calls	81

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	363
General	165
Environmental	14
Occupational	4
Therapeutic Error	90
Misuse	78
Bite or Sting	4
Food Poisoning	8
Unknown	0
Intentional	31
Suspected Suicide	17
Misuse	7
Abuse	5
Unknown	2
Other	18
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	8
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Other/Unknown	4

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	359
Healthcare Facility	37
Other	11
Refused Referral	5

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	82
Minor Effect	283
Moderate Effect	1
Major Effect	0
Death	0
Other/Unknown	46

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Antihistamines
2. (tie) Cosmetics and personal care products; Household cleaning products
4. (tie) Antidepressants; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Alcohols

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Antihistamines
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Cosmetics and personal care products
5. (tie) Food poisoning; GI medicines (for the stomach); Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)