

2021 Statistical Report: Washington County, MD

County accounted for 3.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1038
< 12 months	42
1 year	112
2 years	97
3 years	67
4 years	26
5 years	20
6-12 years	35
13-19 years	107
20-59 years	377
> 60 years	120
Unknown age	35
Animal Exposures	15
Information Calls	102

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	691
General	407
Environmental	8
Occupational	20
Therapeutic Error	149
Misuse	86
Bite or Sting	9
Food Poisoning	10
Unknown	2
Intentional	290
Suspected Suicide	202
Misuse	32
Abuse	43
Unknown	13
Other	57
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	4
Adverse Reaction/Drug	28
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Other/Unknown	20

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	580
Healthcare Facility	421
Other	32
Refused Referral	5

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	193
Minor Effect	650
Moderate Effect	101
Major Effect	32
Death	4
Other/Unknown	58

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. (tie) Arts, crafts, and office supplies; Heart medicines
5. (tie) Antidepressants; Antihistamines; Ear, nose, and throat medicines; Topical medicines (for the skin)

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Antidepressants