

2021 Statistical Report: Wicomico County, MD

County accounted for 2.4% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	708
< 12 months	29
1 year	74
2 years	76
3 years	38
4 years	15
5 years	11
6-12 years	37
13-19 years	88
20-59 years	235
> 60 years	93
Unknown age	12
Animal Exposures	14
Information Calls	450

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	458
General	249
Environmental	10
Occupational	13
Therapeutic Error	108
Misuse	61
Bite or Sting	9
Food Poisoning	7
Unknown	1
Intentional	212
Suspected Suicide	159
Misuse	18
Abuse	30
Unknown	5
Other	38
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	21
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Other/Unknown	8

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	370
Healthcare Facility	313
Other	14
Refused Referral	11

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	124
Minor Effect	435
Moderate Effect	84
Major Effect	18
Death	1
Other/Unknown	46

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Cosmetics and personal care products
3. (tie) Arts, crafts, and office supplies; Topical medicines (for the skin); Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Antidepressants
5. (tie) Antihistamines; Cold and cough medicines; Sedatives and antipsychotics