

2022 Statistical Report: Baltimore County, MD

County accounted for 17.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	5257
< 12 months	220
1 year	641
2 years	542
3 years	311
4 years	165
5 years	106
6-12 years	415
13-19 years	413
20-59 years	1582
> 60 years	702
Unknown age	160
Animal Exposures	130
Information Calls	1286

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	4073
General	2054
Environmental	78
Occupational	69
Therapeutic Error	1075
Misuse	672
Bite or Sting	36
Food Poisoning	81
Unknown	8
Intentional	911
Suspected Suicide	636
Misuse	120
Abuse	134
Unknown	21
Other	273
Contamination/Tampering	14
Malicious	19
Adverse Reaction/Drug	160
Adverse Reaction/Other	40
Other/Unknown	40

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	3779
Healthcare Facility	1237
Other	150
Refused Referral	91

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	1204
Minor Effect	3382
Moderate Effect	309
Major Effect	76
Death	6
Other/Unknown	280

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Arts, crafts, office supplies
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Plants

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. Household cleaning products
5. (tie) Alcohols; Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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