

2022 Statistical Report: Worcester County, MD

County accounted for 1.2% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	364
< 12 months	25
1 year	38
2 years	40
3 years	22
4 years	24
5 years	9
6-12 years	29
13-19 years	20
20-59 years	99
> 60 years	43
Unknown age	15
Animal Exposures	11
Information Calls	135

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	307
General	159
Environmental	6
Occupational	2
Therapeutic Error	86
Misuse	47
Bite or Sting	2
Food Poisoning	5
Unknown	0
Intentional	42
Suspected Suicide	16
Misuse	9
Abuse	16
Unknown	1
Other	15
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	0
Adverse Reaction/Drug	9
Adverse Reaction/Other	1
Other/Unknown	5

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	278
Healthcare Facility	69
Other	9
Refused Referral	8

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	81
Minor Effect	237
Moderate Effect	14
Major Effect	9
Death	2
Other/Unknown	21

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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. Antihistamines
5. Analgesics (pain relievers)

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Cold and cough medicines
4. Dietary supplements
5. (tie) Antimicrobials; Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. Household cleaning products
4. Antimicrobials
5. (tie) Alcohols; Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Anticonvulsants; Household cleaning products
5. Anticoagulants