

2023 Statistical Report: Wicomico County, MD

County accounted for 2.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	797
< 12 months	37
1 year	71
2 years	81
3 years	43
4 years	27
5 years	18
6-12 years	66
13-19 years	61
20-59 years	253
> 60 years	115
Unknown age	25
Animal Exposures	8
Information Calls	643

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	534
General	289
Environmental	8
Occupational	14
Therapeutic Error	152
Misuse	63
Bite or Sting	5
Food Poisoning	2
Unknown	1
Intentional	213
Suspected Suicide	154
Misuse	21
Abuse	34
Unknown	4
Other	50
Contamination/Tampering	1
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	32
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Other/Unknown	13

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	425
Healthcare Facility	340
Other	27
Refused Referral	5

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	261
Minor Effect	375
Moderate Effect	87
Major Effect	25
Death	2
Other/Unknown	47

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Plants
2. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Arts, crafts, and office supplies; Cosmetics and personal care products; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Sedatives and antipsychotics
4. (tie) Antihistamines; Antimicrobials

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Heart medicines
5. Alcohols

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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