

2024 Statistical Report: Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 15.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	4,793
< 12 months	184
1 year	462
2 years	399
3 years	211
4 years	133
5 years	83
6-12 years	305
13-19 years	453
20-59 years	1,787
> 60 years	615
Unknown age	161
Animal Exposures	45
Information Calls	1,668

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	3,188
General	1,531
Environmental	153
Occupational	62
Therapeutic Error	809
Misuse	533
Bite or Sting	21
Food Poisoning	63
Unknown	16
Intentional	1,274
Suspected Suicide	886
Misuse	176
Abuse	180
Unknown	32
Other	331
Contamination/Tampering	14
Malicious	25
Adverse Reaction/Drug	154
Adverse Reaction/Other	38
Other/Unknown	100

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	2,604
Healthcare Facility	2,039
Other	86
Refused Referral	64

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	1,881
Minor Effect	1,840
Moderate Effect	559
Major Effect	196
Death	14
Other/Unknown	303

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. (tie) Household cleaning products; Stimulants and street drugs
4. Plants
5. Foreign bodies and toys

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. Antihistamines
5. Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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