

2024 Statistical Report: Baltimore County, MD

County accounted for 17% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	5,177
< 12 months	222
1 year	548
2 years	569
3 years	297
4 years	185
5 years	119
6-12 years	402
13-19 years	393
20-59 years	1,512
> 60 years	740
Unknown age	190
Animal Exposures	85
Information Calls	1,166

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	4,127
General	1,987
Environmental	135
Occupational	54
Therapeutic Error	1,168
Misuse	679
Bite or Sting	37
Food Poisoning	59
Unknown	8
Intentional	801
Suspected Suicide	565
Misuse	120
Abuse	100
Unknown	16
Other	249
Contamination/Tampering	19
Malicious	14
Adverse Reaction/Drug	150
Adverse Reaction/Other	32
Other/Unknown	34

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	3,709
Healthcare Facility	1,202
Other	199
Refused Referral	67

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	2,535
Minor Effect	1,980
Moderate Effect	338
Major Effect	94
Death	5
Other/Unknown	225

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Foreign bodies and toys
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Stimulants and street drugs
5. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
4. (tie) Antidepressants; Sleep medicines and antipsychotics