

2024 Statistical Report: Dorchester County, MD

County accounted for 0.7% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	228
< 12 months	11
1 year	34
2 years	25
3 years	22
4 years	8
5 years	5
6-12 years	13
13-19 years	19
20-59 years	57
> 60 years	30
Unknown age	4
Animal Exposures	4
Information Calls	19

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	177
General	105
Environmental	6
Occupational	2
Therapeutic Error	42
Misuse	19
Bite or Sting	3
Food Poisoning	0
Unknown	0
Intentional	47
Suspected Suicide	33
Misuse	5
Abuse	9
Unknown	0
Other	4
Contamination/Tampering	0
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	1
Adverse Reaction/Other	0
Other/Unknown	2

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	142
Healthcare Facility	82
Other/Unknown	2
Refused Referral	2

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	105
Minor Effect	88
Moderate Effect	23
Major Effect	4
Death	0
Other/Unknown	8

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Vitamins
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. *Several substances tied with 1 exposure each*

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Lacrimators (eye irritants)
2. (tie) Antihistamines
4. (tie) Analgesics; Anticonvulsants; Antidepressants; Cold and cough medicines; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. (tie) Antidepressants; Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Antihistamines