

2024 Statistical Report: Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1,870
< 12 months	77
1 year	247
2 years	199
3 years	108
4 years	77
5 years	49
6-12 years	174
13-19 years	161
20-59 years	500
> 60 years	218
Unknown age	60
Animal Exposures	45
Information Calls	239

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	1,515
General	758
Environmental	75
Occupational	21
Therapeutic Error	412
Misuse	217
Bite or Sting	8
Food Poisoning	22
Unknown	2
Intentional	266
Suspected Suicide	196
Misuse	31
Abuse	35
Unknown	4
Other	89
Contamination/Tampering	11
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	42
Adverse Reaction/Other	21
Other/Unknown	12

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	1,347
Healthcare Facility	448
Other/Unknown	66
Refused Referral	9

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	999
Minor Effect	668
Moderate Effect	120
Major Effect	27
Death	1
Other/Unknown	55

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Plants
2. Foreign bodies and toys
3. Cosmetics and personal care products
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. (tie) Electrolytes and minerals; Heart medicines

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Antidepressants
3. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
5. (tie) Anticonvulsants; Cosmetics and personal care products