

2024 Statistical Report: St. Mary's County, MD

County accounted for 2.8% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	840
< 12 months	46
1 year	98
2 years	121
3 years	43
4 years	25
5 years	17
6-12 years	83
13-19 years	69
20-59 years	227
> 60 years	95
Unknown age	16
Animal Exposures	13
Information Calls	87

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	655
General	357
Environmental	13
Occupational	11
Therapeutic Error	151
Misuse	88
Bite or Sting	24
Food Poisoning	11
Unknown	0
Intentional	158
Suspected Suicide	85
Misuse	28
Abuse	40
Unknown	5
Other	27
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	14
Adverse Reaction/Other	5
Other/Unknown	4

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	531
Healthcare Facility	245
Other/Unknown	39
Refused Referral	25

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	377
Minor Effect	303
Moderate Effect	78
Major Effect	28
Death	1
Other/Unknown	53

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Foreign bodies and toys
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. (tie) Arts, crafts, and office supplies; GI medicines (for the stomach); Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. (tie) Alcohols; Sleep medicines and antipsychotics; Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

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