

2024 Statistical Report: Wicomico County, MD

County accounted for 2.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	762
< 12 months	30
1 year	87
2 years	70
3 years	34
4 years	22
5 years	17
6-12 years	54
13-19 years	57
20-59 years	253
> 60 years	115
Unknown age	23
Animal Exposures	6
Information Calls	470

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	521
General	256
Environmental	18
Occupational	28
Therapeutic Error	130
Misuse	81
Bite or Sting	3
Food Poisoning	5
Unknown	0
Intentional	198
Suspected Suicide	144
Misuse	26
Abuse	25
Unknown	3
Other	43
Contamination/Tampering	3
Malicious	3
Adverse Reaction/Drug	27
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Other/Unknown	7

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	406
Healthcare Facility	322
Other/Unknown	30
Refused Referral	4

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	320
Minor Effect	283
Moderate Effect	97
Major Effect	27
Death	1
Other/Unknown	34

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Dietary supplements; Foreign bodies and toys
5. Arts, crafts, and office supplies

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. (tie) Dietary supplements; Foreign bodies and toys
3. (tie) Cold and cough medicines; Cosmetics and personal care products
5. (tie) Heart medicines; Household cleaning products

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Antidepressants
3. Anticonvulsants
4. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
5. (tie) Antihistamines; Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

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

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Heart Medicines
3. Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
4. (tie) Antidepressants; GI medicines (for the stomach); Household cleaning products