

2024 Statistical Report: Worcester County, MD

County accounted for 1.1% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	349
< 12 months	14
1 year	56
2 years	29
3 years	16
4 years	10
5 years	7
6-12 years	29
13-19 years	21
20-59 years	85
> 60 years	63
Unknown age	19
Animal Exposures	16
Information Calls	125

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	313
General	142
Environmental	13
Occupational	8
Therapeutic Error	98
Misuse	36
Bite or Sting	6
Food Poisoning	10
Unknown	0
Intentional	17
Suspected Suicide	4
Misuse	4
Abuse	7
Unknown	2
Other	19
Contamination/Tampering	3
Malicious	2
Adverse Reaction/Drug	8
Adverse Reaction/Other	3
Other/Unknown	3

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	277
Healthcare Facility	52
Other/Unknown	16
Refused Referral	4

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	187
Minor Effect	127
Moderate Effect	15
Major Effect	4
Death	0
Other/Unknown	16

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

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

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. (tie) Alcohols; Antihistamines; Cold and cough medicines

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Stimulants and street drugs
3. (tie) Alcohols; Heart medicines; Household cleaning products; Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines); Pesticides

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. (tie) Analgesics (pain relievers); Hormones (including antidiabetic and thyroid medicines)
4. (tie) Anticoagulants (blood thinners); Antihistamines; Veterinary medicines