



FACTS ABOUT INJURIES TO CHILDREN AT HOME

In 2002, 5,305 children died from accidental injuries; approximately 40 percent of these deaths occurred in and around the home.

- In 2003, approximately 1,900 children ages 14 and under died in the home from accidental injuries. Nearly 80 percent of these deaths occurred among children ages 4 and under.
- Each year, there are an estimated 3.4 million visits to hospital emergency departments by children ages 14 and under for injuries that occurred in the home. Nearly 2 million of these visits are by children ages 4 and under.
- Young children are at increased risk from accidental injuries in the home because it is where they spend most of their time.

Accidental home injury deaths to children are caused primarily by airway obstruction, fire and burns, drowning, firearms, falls, choking and poisoning.

- In 2003, an estimated 580 children ages 14 and under suffocated in the home. Of these children, nearly 90 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 350 children ages 14 and under died from fires and burns in the home. Nearly 60 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 320 children ages 14 and under drowned in or around the home. Of these children, more than 80 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 150 children ages 14 and under choked to death in the home. Of these children, nearly 90 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 60 children ages 14 and under died as the result of falls in the home. Of these children, nearly 70 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 50 children ages 14 and under died from poisonings in the home. Of these children, an estimated 60 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 40 children ages 14 and under died from unintentional shootings in the home. Of these children, half were ages 5 to 14.