

Injury Prevention



In the United States, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death in children, adolescents, and adults younger than 45 years.

Preventable Injury-Related Deaths

173,040
in 2019

167,127
in 2018

⊕ **3.5%**
year-over-year increase

173,040
in 2019

86,777
in 1992

⊕ **99%**
increase over 27 years

Major cause of unintentional injury death include:

- Drowning (the leading cause for children age 1-4 years)
- Suffocation
- Motor vehicle crashes
- Poisoning

Child unintentional injury death rates were highest among:

- Male children
- Babies under 1 year old
- Teens age 15–19 years

