

In the United States, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death in children, adolescents, and adults younger than 44 years.



Preventable Injury-Related Deaths

224,935
in 2021

200,955
in 2020

⬆️ **11.9%**
year-over-year increase

224,935
in 2021

86,777
in 1992

⬆️ **159%**
increase over 29 years



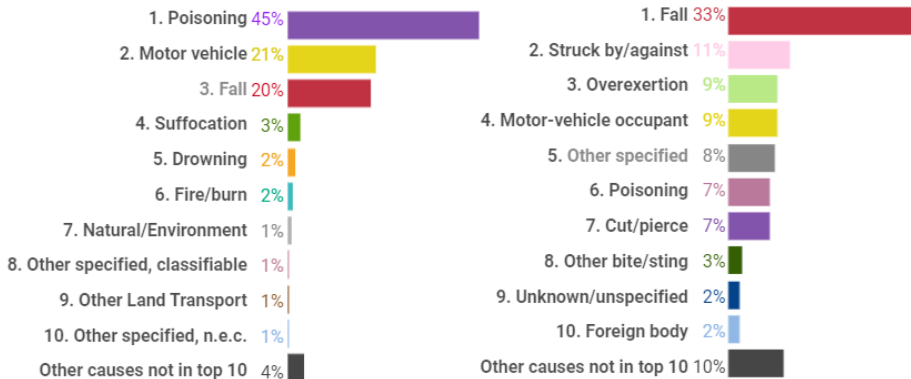
Top 10 preventable injuries, United States

2021

2020

Total deaths: 224,935

Total nonfatal injuries: 20,902,133



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



- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top for safety.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.



Use turkey fryers outdoors.

Never use them on a wooden deck or in a garage.

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The diagram shows a turkey fryer on a tripod stand on a green lawn. A red double-headed arrow indicates a safe distance from a house. The house is yellow with a brown door and a window. Logos for the U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA, and a Fire Department are at the bottom.

- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

