

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

222,698

in 2023

227,039

in 2022



1%

year-over-year decrease

222,698

in 2023

86,777

in 1992



154%

increase over 31 years



Major cause of unintentional injury death include:

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

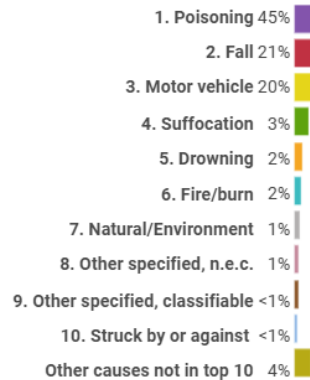
Child unintentional injury death rates were highest among:

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

Top 10 preventable injuries, United States

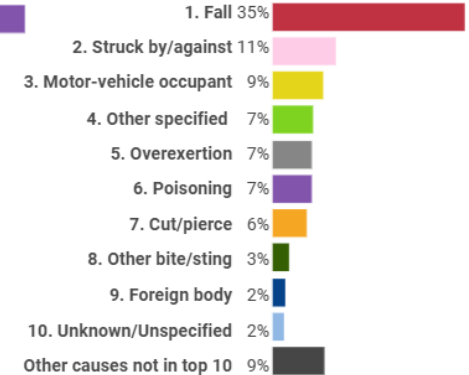
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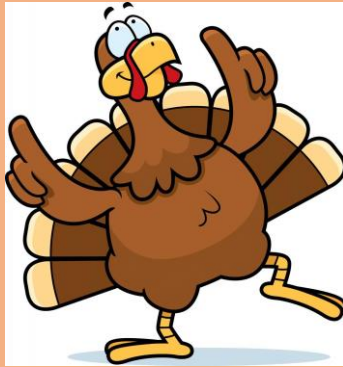
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Total nonfatal injuries: 25,424,384





- 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.



Practice safe cooking this Thanksgiving.

Home cooking fires happen most often on Thanksgiving. Stand by your pan: if you are cooking at high temperatures, turn off the burner before leaving the kitchen.

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- 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.