
Burden of Injury in Wisconsin Report

Key findings specific to Wisconsin's children 2002-2004

The injuries highlighted in this report are both accidental and intentional in nature.

- For children newborn to 17 years of age:
 - Motor vehicle crashes were the number one cause of death.
 - Self-harm (self-inflicted intentional injury such as suicide attempt) was the number one cause of hospitalizations.
 - Falls were the number one cause of emergency department visits.
 - For children 1-17 years of age, motor vehicle crashes (MVC) were the number one cause of death totaling 256, which is more than the other four top causes (suicide, homicide, drowning and non-traffic transportation) of death combined.
 - For every one child newborn to 17 years of age who was a victim of homicide, three children died from a motor vehicle crash.
 - Infants less than 1 year of age died from suffocation twice as often as those children 1-4 years of age.
 - Drowning was the second leading cause of death for children 1-9 years of age.
 - Suicide was the second leading cause of death for children 10-17 years of age.
 - Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of injury-related deaths for children 1-17 years of age, and nearly two times greater than those caused by suicide and homicide combined.
 - For children under age 4, fire (includes injuries from fire, flames, hot objects and substances) was the third leading cause of hospitalizations, whereas fire was not one of the top five causes of hospitalization for children 5-17 years of age.
 - For children ages 5-14, non-traffic transportation (includes pedestrian, pedal cyclist and other non-traffic situations) was the third leading cause of hospitalizations, whereas non-traffic transportation was not one of the top five causes of hospitalizations for children ages newborn to 4.
 - For children newborn to 14 years of age, the number one cause of emergency department visits was falls.
 - Struck by/against (includes injuries resulting from being struck by or striking against objects or persons), the second leading cause of injury-related emergency department visits for children newborn to 17 years of age totaled 85,155, which was more than the next three leading causes (cut/pierce, overexertion and non-traffic transportation) of emergency department visit numbers combined.
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