

Top Five Causes of Injury Among California Children, 2000

Fatal

Hospitalized Nonfatal

Under 1 Year of Age

1. Homicide	28	1. Fall	485
2. Unintentional Suffocation	24	2. Assault	199
3. Motor Vehicle Occupant	11	3. Unintentional Suffocation	135
4. Drowning/Submersion	10	4. Unintentional Burn, Hot Object or Substance	127
5. Unintentional Poisoning	4	5. Unintentional Poisoning	104

1-4 Years of Age

1. Drowning/Submersion	73	1. Fall	2,354
2. Homicide	36	2. Unintentional Poisoning	820
3. Motor Vehicle Traffic vs. Pedestrian	21	3. Unintentional Burn, Hot Object or Substance	504
4. Pedestrian, Other	19	4. Motor Vehicle Occupant	383
5. Motor Vehicle Occupant	18	5. Natural/Environmental	347

5-12 Years of Age

1. Motor Vehicle Occupant	47	1. Fall	3,935
2. Drowning/Submersion	29	2. Motor Vehicle Occupant	736
tied Motor Vehicle Traffic, Pedestrian	29	3. Motor Vehicle Traffic, Pedestrian	707
4. Motor Vehicle Traffic, Unspecified	24	4. Bicycle, Non-Traffic	683
5. Homicide	23	5. Struck by Object	607

13-15 Years of Age

1. Homicide	48	1. Fall	1,442
2. Motor Vehicle Occupant	32	2. Self-Inflicted	1,178
tied Suicide	32	3. Struck by Object	521
4. Drowning/Submersion	12	4. Motor Vehicle Occupant	424
tied Other Transportation	12	5. Assault	400

16-20 Years of Age

1. Homicide	392	1. Motor Vehicle Occupant	2,943
2. Motor Vehicle Occupant	236	2. Assault	2,599
3. Suicide	159	3. Self-Inflicted	2,322
4. Motor Vehicle Traffic, Unspecified	103	4. Fall	1,579
5. Other Transportation	86	5. Struck by Object	620

Note: Injury causes in **bold** are among the top five fatal and non-fatal injuries.

Warning: Starting in 1999 death data use ICD-10 cause of death codes. Use caution in comparing 1999 and later death data to previous years' death data or any hospitalization data.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Death Records; Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Patient Discharge Data Set.

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