

AUCKLAND REGION, 2008-2012 (HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, AGE 0-14)



PREVENTABLE CHILD INJURIES:

88%
were
unintentional*

10% were
Undetermined

1% were Assaults

1% were Self-inflicted

*Unintentional means injuries where there is no intent of harm e.g. drownings, transport related injuries, burns and falls

THE NUMBERS:

UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES IN THE AUCKLAND REGION

On average 2,605 children were hospitalised each year because of an unintentional injury

That's about 50 children a week

Every year 19 children are killed because of an unintentional injury

Age group **0–4** are most frequently injured

60% of children hospitalised are boys

Hospital admission rates** in the Auckland Region, 2008-2012



NUMBER OF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS BY ETHNIC GROUP

European: Pacific 4,984 Peoples:

Pacific Māori: Peoples: 2,792 3.613 Asian: 0

Other: **331**

NUMBER OF UNINTENTIONAL INJURY TYPE BY LEADING CAUSE









Falls: **6,300**

Caught between, struck by or against and injuries from sharp and pointed objects: 3,355

Land
Transport
(non-traffic
or off road):
631

Fire/Hot object or substance: 493

MOST COMMON PLACES CHILDREN ARE INJURED









Home (36%)

School (14%)

Sports Area (7%)

Road (6%)

Source: Injury Prevention Research Unit - University of Otago

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT CHILD INJURIES

- 1. Ensure playgrounds, parks and open spaces are well maintained and meet required standards
- 2. Ensure transport systems enable children to access services and facilities safely
- 3. Consider driveway design in any planning
- 4. Support activities to reduce child injury in your area

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