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Unintentional Fall Hospitalizations in U.S. by Age

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- 1 - 4 years: 37%
- 5 - 9 years: 11%
- 10 - 14 years: 7%
- 15 - 19 years: 1%

Unintentional Fall Hospitalizations in the U.S. by Age and Cause

- During sports: 34%
- From furniture: 30%
- From recreation equipment: 17%
- On the playground: 16%
- From steps/stairs: 13%
- From buildings/windows: 10%
- Unspecified: 7%
- Other: 5%

In 2012, hospitalizations due to unintentional falls among 0 through 19-year-olds resulted in $963 million in medical spending and $4 billion in work losses.

Sources:
- National Inpatient Sample, 2012 Nationwide Readmission Project, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

To learn more about preventing falls, visit:
ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/injury-topics/falls

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* Recreational equipment includes scooters, roller skates, skateboards, skis, snowboards, and jumping/diving into water

** Work loss costs include short-term work loss and the value of wage and household work that a child will be unable to do if he or she is killed or permanently disabled. It also includes wages, fringe benefits and household work that parents are unable to do when caring for their child