

# FALLS

in Children & Youth:  
Hospitalizations



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## Unintentional Fall Hospitalizations in U.S. by Age



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

During sports

From furniture

From recreation equipment

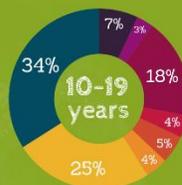
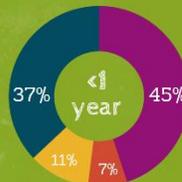
On the playground

From steps/stairs

From buildings/windows

Unspecified

Other



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Source: National Inpatient Sample, 2012, Healthcare Utilization Project, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

To learn more about preventing falls, visit: [ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/injury-topics/falls](http://ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/injury-topics/falls)

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4<sup>th</sup>: 15 through 19 years

## Unintentional Fall Hospitalizations in U.S. by Age

Age Group	Number of Falls
<1 year	4,810
1 through 4 years	10,385
5 through 9 years	10,695
10 through 14 years	8,470
15 through 19 years	9,645

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

	<1 years	1-9 years	10-19 years
During sports		1%	7%
From furniture	45%	17%	3%
From recreational equipment*		3%	18%
On the playground		19%	4%
From steps/stairs	7%	6%	5%
From building/windows		4%	4%
Unspecified	11%	20%	25%
Other	37%	30%	34%

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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