

THE MEDICAL COSTS OF CHILDHOOD INJURIES: HOSPITALIZATIONS

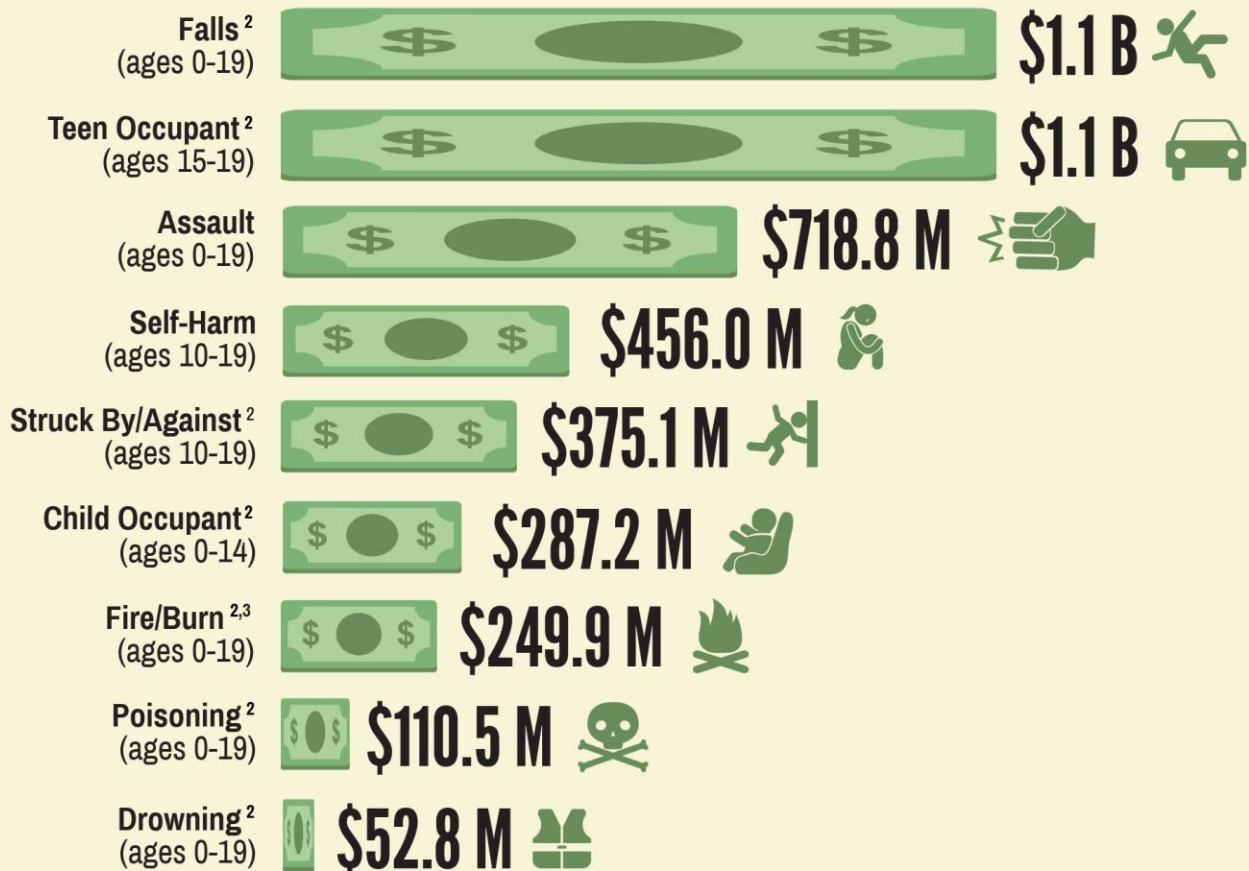


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	Cost
Falls ² (ages 0-19)	\$1.1 billion
Teen Occupant ^{2,3} (ages 15-19)	\$1.1 billion
Assault (ages 0-19)	\$718.8 million
Self-Harm (ages 10-19)	\$456.0 million
Struck By/Against ^{2,4} (ages 0-19)	\$375.1 million
Child Occupant ² (ages 0-14)	\$287.2 million
Fire/Burn ^{2,5} (ages 0-19)	\$249.9 million
Poisoning ² (ages 0-19)	\$110.5 million
Drowning ² (ages 0-19)	\$52.8 million

To view this infographic on the web, please visit:

<http://ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/infographics/cost-hospitalizations>

Source: CDC WISQARS. Available from: www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars. 2015 Data. All costs are in 2015 dollars.

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⁴ Struck by/against is defined as injuries caused by striking (hitting) by or against a human, animal, or inanimate object or force other than a vehicle or machinery

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