



Toy Injuries in U.S. Children: Know the Facts

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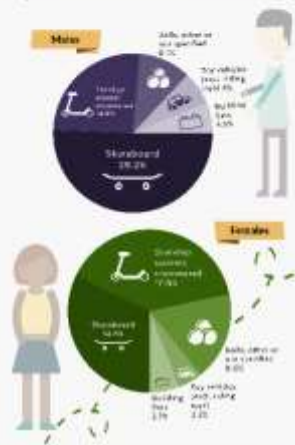


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Overall, between ages 0-19, males sustain more toy related-injuries that are treated in the emergency department (ED) than females.

Sex	Percentage of Injuries
Male	65.4%
Female	34.7%

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Males

- Skateboard - 29.2%
- Standup Scooter, unpowered - 14.8%
- Balls, other or not specified - 6.1%
- Toy vehicles - 4%
- Building sets - 3.5%

Females

- Skateboard - 14.8%
- Standup Scooter, unpowered - 17.9%
- Balls, other or not specified - 8.0%
- Toy vehicles - 2.2%
- Building sets - 2.7%

Toy-related injuries differ for males and females in different age groups.

Age	Male	Age	Female
0	2.1%	0	2.8%
1-4	30.5%	1-4	33.8%
5-9	23.4%	5-9	29.3%
10-14	24.0%	10-14	21.9%
15-19	20.0%	15-19	12.2%

For males, toy-related injuries are highest between ages 1-4 and slowly decline with age.

For females, toy-related injuries are highest between ages 1-4 and rapidly decline with age.

Skateboards are related to approximately 1 in 3 toy-related ED injuries for males.

Scooters are related to approximately 1 in 5 toy-related ED injuries for females.

Source and More Information

Source: 2015-2018 NEISS, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

For resources on preventing toy-based injuries, please visit:

Children's Safety Network <https://www.childrensafetynetwork.org/>

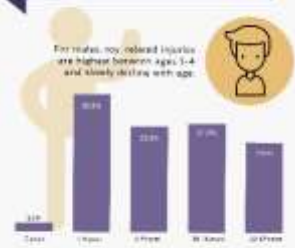
Safe Kids Worldwide https://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/toy-safety

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission <https://www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides/toys>

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