



RISK WATCH® Injury Modules



	<p>Motor Vehicle Injuries Each year in the United States, almost 2,000 children ages 14 and under die from motor vehicle-related crashes and more than 325,000 are injured. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children 5 to 14.</p>
	<p>Fire and Burn Injuries Each year in the United States, fire kills nearly 1,000 children ages 14 and under and almost 80,000 are injured by residential fire burns, scalds, chemical burns, and contact burns. Fire and burns are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1 to 4.</p>
	<p>Choking, Suffocation and Strangulation Injuries In the United States in 1993, 360 children ages 14 and under died as a result of mechanical suffocation at home. Choking resulted in 300 deaths.</p>
	<p>Poisoning Injuries Each year in the United States, nearly 100 children die from poisoning and more than 1 million are injured by poisonous substances. The most common causes of poisonings are medications. Other substances (carbon monoxide, plants, etc.) can cause poisoning in children as well.</p>
	<p>Fall Injuries In the United States, unintentional falls are the leading cause of nonfatal injuries resulting in emergency room visits for all ages. Each year, approximately 130 children ages 14 and under die from falls and more than 3 million are treated in emergency rooms.</p>
	<p>Firearms Injuries In the United States, nearly 220 children ages 14 and under die from unintentional firearm injuries each year. An estimated 3,600 children are hospitalized from unintentional gunshot wounds and an additional 15,000 receive medical treatment.</p>
	<p>Bike and Pedestrian Injuries Bicycles are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the automobile. Each year in the United States, approximately 300 children ages 14 and under are killed in bicycle-related incidents and 400,000 more are injured. Head injuries are the most common cause of death among bicyclists.</p>
	<p>Water Injuries In the United States, drowning is the second leading cause of death from unintentional injuries for people ages 5-24. Approximately 5,000 people drown each year. For every drowning, there are four near-drownings resulting in hospitalization.</p>