

# Accidental Injuries in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2013

## FLORIDA INJURY PREVENTION

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Accidental injuries are the **fourth leading cause of death for Florida residents ages 1-44.**



In 2013, **8,531 Florida residents died from accidental injuries.** There were another 104,965 hospitalizations for non-fatal injuries.

**You Can Prevent Accidental Injuries**

### AT THE POOL: USE THE LAYERS OF PROTECTION

**WATCH** When children are around or in the pool.

**USE BARRIERS** Make your home pool safer with a 4-sided fence that includes alarms, gates and locks.

**EDUCATE** Teach children how to swim.

**BE READY** Learn CPR—get re-certified every 2 years. Keep a phone and safety equipment near the pool.



### AT HOME:

Remove tripping hazards like loose, unanchored rugs.

Install smoke detectors, and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

Wear protective gear for recreation.

Store medicines and chemicals in a safe place.

### AT WORK:

Wear proper footwear.

Use protective eye ware and safety equipment.



### IN THE CAR:

Obey all traffic laws.

Always use seatbelts and put children in safety seats.

Don't drive and text.



**Adults 85+** have the highest rate of fatal and non-fatal hospitalizations due to accidental injuries.

### Causes of Accidental Injuries

FATAL			NON-FATAL		
Causes	Percent	Count	Causes	Percent	Count
Falls	35.4%	2,613	Falls	68.8%	63,197
Other/Unspecified	5.4%	400	Other/Unspecified	7.0%	6,466
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	31.7%	2346	Motor Vehicle/Traffic	15.2%	14,009
Poisoning	27.5%	2030	Poisoning	9.0%	8,207



LEARN MORE: [www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/index.html)  
[www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/prevention/injury-prevention/index.html](http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/prevention/injury-prevention/index.html)

# Who is Injured?



In every age group, males had the highest fatality rate.

## Non-fatal hospitalizations:

Higher rates for females 65+ and males under age 65.



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Highest rate for fatal and non-fatal hospitalizations?

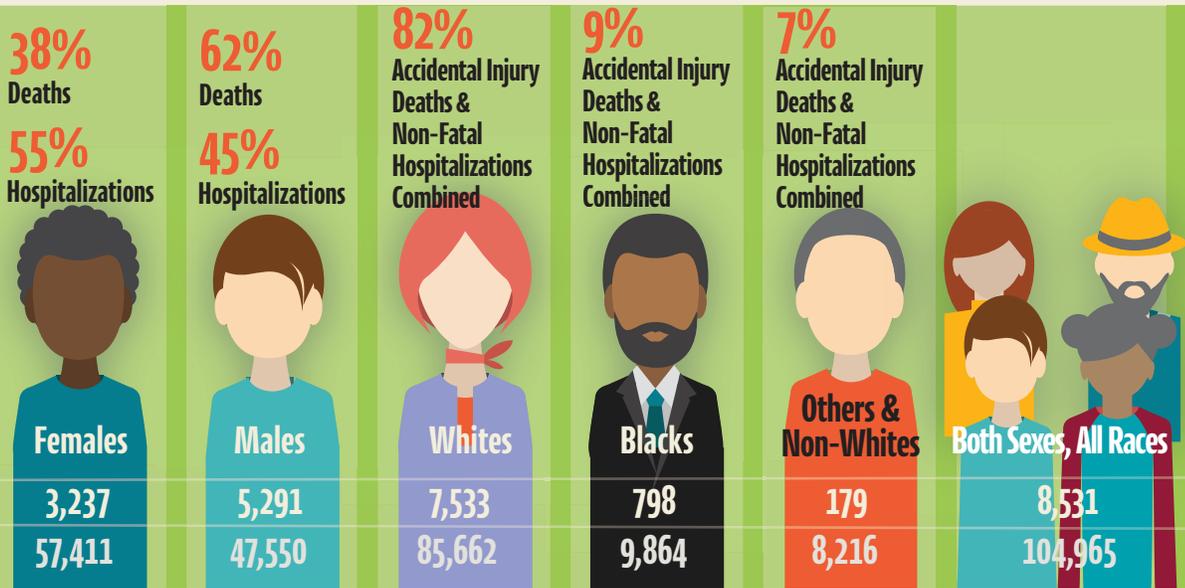
1. Whites
2. Blacks
3. Others & Non-Whites

## Accidental Injuries Rates per 100,000

FATAL INJURIES			
Age	Female	Male	Both
<1	43.6	68.5	56.9
1-4	9.5	13.4	11.6
5-15	3.0	4.2	3.6
15-24	14.5	34.4	24.9
25-34	18.7	54.7	37.7
35-44	23.8	51.7	37.5
45-54	29.4	64.4	46.7
55-64	26.7	60.0	43.7
65-74	23.3	58.3	40.9
75-84	81.0	120.4	100.0
85+	311.9	395.9	355.7

NON-FATAL HOSPITALIZATIONS			
Age	Female	Male	Both
<1	263.7	334.9	155.0
1-4	187.9	281.1	126.6
5-15	102.6	186.4	91.4
15-24	161.1	365.6	176.9
25-34	172.5	376.6	192.6
35-44	183.0	377.2	181.4
45-54	312.6	482.0	235.6
55-64	482.5	522.5	259.5
65-74	881.3	637.1	307.6
7-84	2159.7	1291.4	588.6
85+	5284.8	3136.0	1294.5

Non-Hispanics had a higher rate of fatal and non-fatal hospitalizations due to accidental injuries than Hispanics.



### Snapshot: Non-Fatal, Fall-Related Injury Hospitalizations

**\$46,125** Median admission charge.

**3 days** Median length of stay.

**\$6.9 billion** Total charges exceeded.

Medicare  
55%

Commercial Insurance  
21%

## Who Paid?

Florida Injury Prevention  
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