

# Falls in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2014

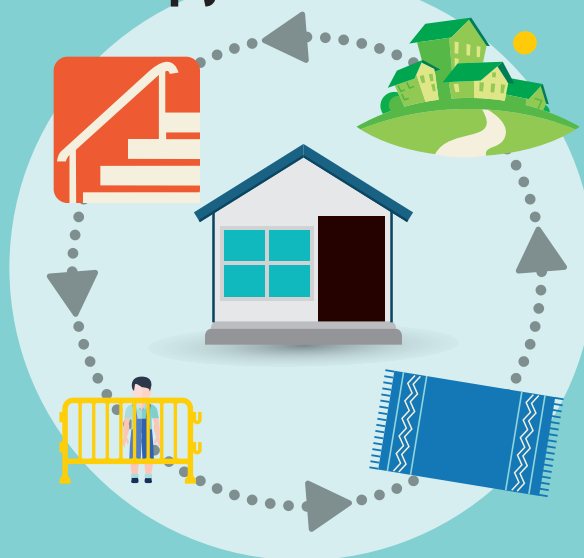
## FLORIDA VIOLENCE AND INJURY PREVENTION

In Florida, falls are the leading cause of injury death for residents, and are the leading cause of non-fatal injury-related hospital admissions.



In 2014, 2,764 Floridians died from an unintentional fall. There were 67,860 hospitalizations for fall-related injuries.

### Keep your home safe.



Remove objects from walkways.  
Install handrails.  
Install guard rails and stair gates for small children.  
Remove rugs and mats that aren't slip resistant.

### Keep play safe.

Supervise children at playgrounds and at home.  
Adults and children should wear protective sports gear—helmets and pads—and bike helmets.



### Falls Can Happen Anywhere.

### WEAR SENSIBLE SHOES

Shoes should fit properly and be slip-resistant. Keep laces tied.

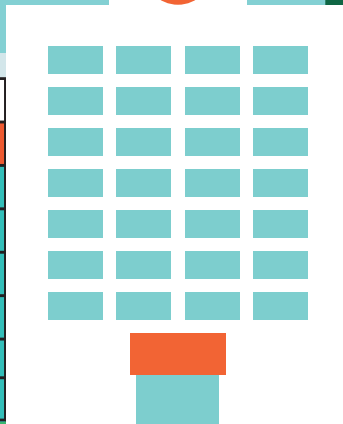


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[www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/falls-prevention/](http://www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/falls-prevention/)



Hospitalizations	
YEAR	RATE
2009	311.4
2010	318.2
2011	322.4
2012	328.4
2013	327.1
2014	347.1



### Fall-Related Deaths & Injury Rates per 100,000

Deaths	
YEAR	RATE
2009	10.6
2010	11.5
2011	12.1
2012	13.0
2013	13.5
2014	14.2



# Who is Injured?

**Males** had a higher rate of fatal Fall-related injuries than females.

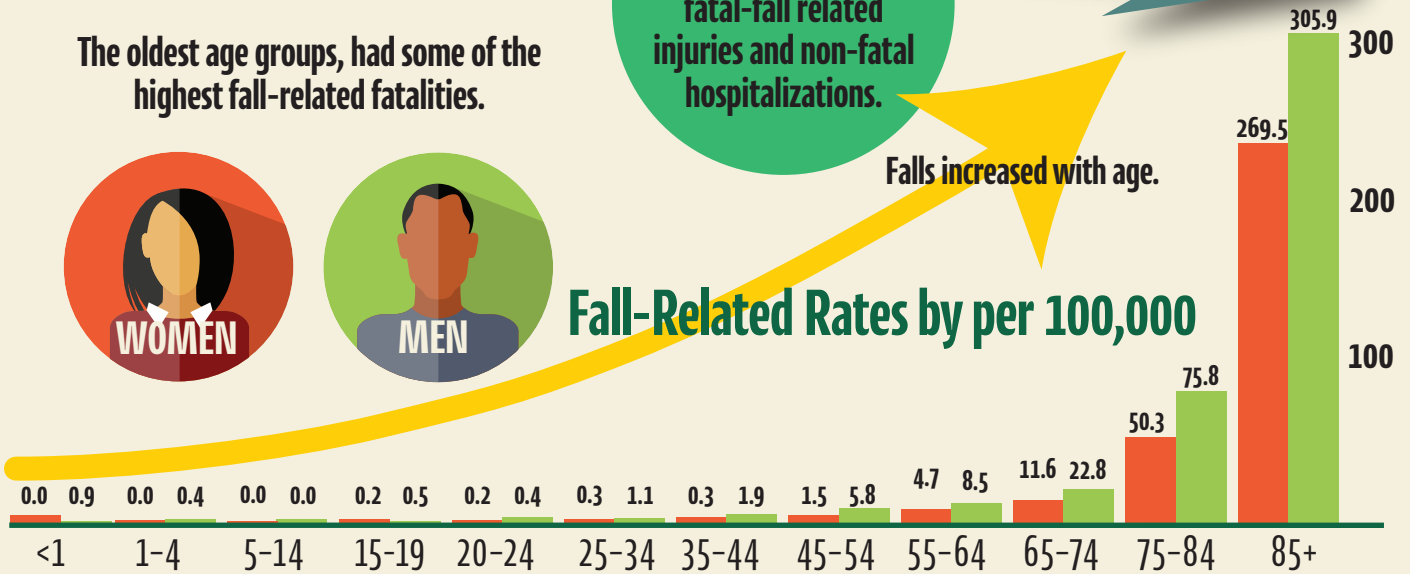
The oldest age groups, had some of the highest fall-related fatalities.

Residents 85+ had the highest rates of fatal-fall related injuries and non-fatal hospitalizations.



Falls increased with age.

## Fall-Related Rates by per 100,000



**50%** Deaths  
**64%** Hospitalizations

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**89%** Fall-Related Deaths & Non-Fatal Hospitalizations Combined

**6%** Fall-Related Deaths & Non-Fatal Hospitalizations Combined

**5%** Fall-Related Deaths & Non-Fatal Hospitalizations Combined

Non-Hispanics had a higher rate of fatal fall-related injuries, than Hispanics.

Whites had the highest rate of non-fatal hospitalization.  
Whites had the highest fatal fall-related injuries.



**DEATHS**  
**NON-FATAL HOSPITALIZATIONS**

**1,369**  
**43,617**

**1,395**  
**24,243**

**2,597**  
**60,231**

**117**  
**3,598**

**49**  
**3,295**

**2,764**  
**67,860**



**\$52,191** median admission charge for non-fatal fall-related injury hospitalizations.

Total charges exceeded **\$4.4 billion**

**4 days** was the median length of stay

Medicare paid for **76%** of hospitalizations

# Who Paid?

Florida Violence and Injury Prevention Program

