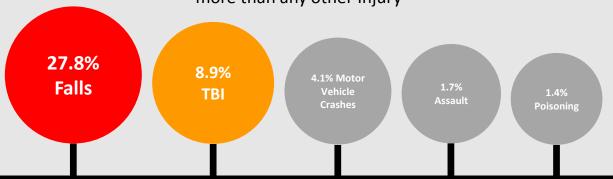
Keep Illinois Kids Safe

Children Visit the Emergency Department (ED) for Falls and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
more than any other Injury



Total Injury-Related ED Visits for Children¹ = **142,541**



All injuries combined = \$889 Million

Falls = \$305 Million TBI = \$79 Million



391 due to all **injuries** combined

109 due to Falls
35 due to TBI

Prevention Tips³

Falls

Supervise children around fall hazards, such as stairs and playground equipment, at home, or when out to play.



Make sure the surface on your child's playground is made of shock-absorbing material, such as hardwood mulch or sand.

TBI



Keep sports and play activities safe by encouraging the use of appropriate protective gear.



Encourage helmet use when playing sports, and riding bikes and skateboards.



Use home safety devices, such as guards on windows that are above ground level, stair gates, and guard rails.



Ensure children are using the proper safety belts and seats when riding in vehicles.



Notes

Children are defined as persons ages 5-14; ED = Emergency Department; TBI = Traumatic Brain Injury; and costs includes medical and work loss costs for 2014 using the 2014 index.

Sources

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