

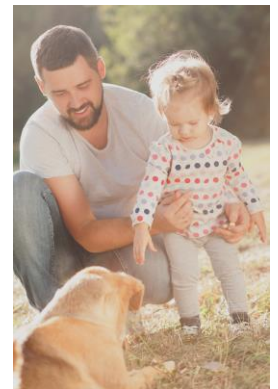
10 Key Facts about Child Injury in Western Australia

1. Each year around **27** Western Australian children under the age of 15 die from injury. Injuries are the leading cause of death of WA children, accounting for a third of all deaths.
2. A further **7,000** children are hospitalised across WA due to injury. Injuries are the second leading cause of hospitalisation after respiratory diseases.
3. Over **35,000** children also present to Emergency Departments across WA with an injury each year. Many more are treated by General Practitioners and other medical facilities around WA.



4. The majority of childhood injuries are due to **unintentional** circumstances.
5. **Transport accidents** are the most common cause of child injury death for children under 15 years of age. This can include injuries to children as both a passenger in a vehicle and as a pedestrian.
6. For children under the age of five, **drowning** is the most common cause of injury death, particularly in home swimming pools.

7. **Falls** are the leading cause of hospitalisation due to injury, accounting for a third of all hospital admissions.



8. Children **under five years old** are at greater risk of injury. Young children are often unable to assess risks for themselves, relying heavily on the people around them to help keep them safe.
9. **Males** are at greater risk of sustaining an injury in comparison to females.
10. **Aboriginal** children and children living in **regional and remote** locations across WA are also at greater risk of sustaining an injury.

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