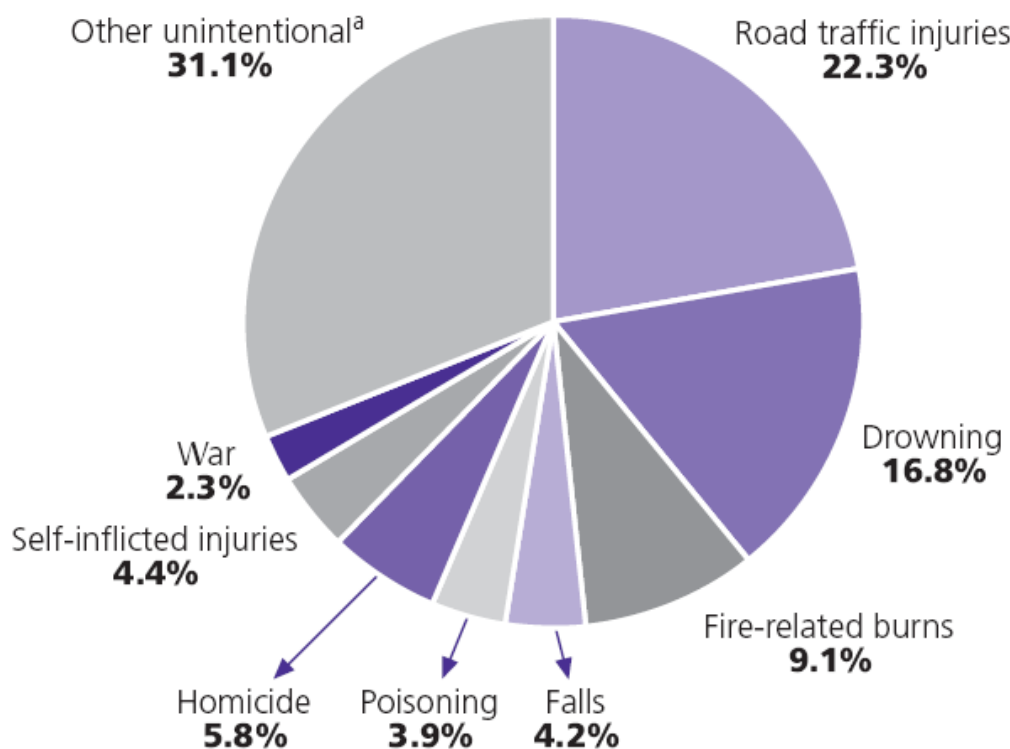


About 2270 children die every day as a result of an unintentional injury

Injury and violence are a major killer of children under the age of 18 years throughout the world responsible for approximately 950 000 deaths. About 90%, or 830 000, of these deaths are categorized as "unintentional". Road traffic injuries and drowning together account for nearly half of all unintentional injury child deaths. In addition to these deaths, tens of millions of children require hospital care every year for non-fatal injuries, many of whom are left with lifelong disabilities.

Distribution of global child injury deaths by cause, 0–17 years, World, 2004



^a "Other unintentional" includes categories such as smothering, asphyxiation, choking, animal and venomous bites, hypothermia and hyperthermia as well as natural disasters.

Source: WHO (2008), Global Burden of Disease: 2004 update.