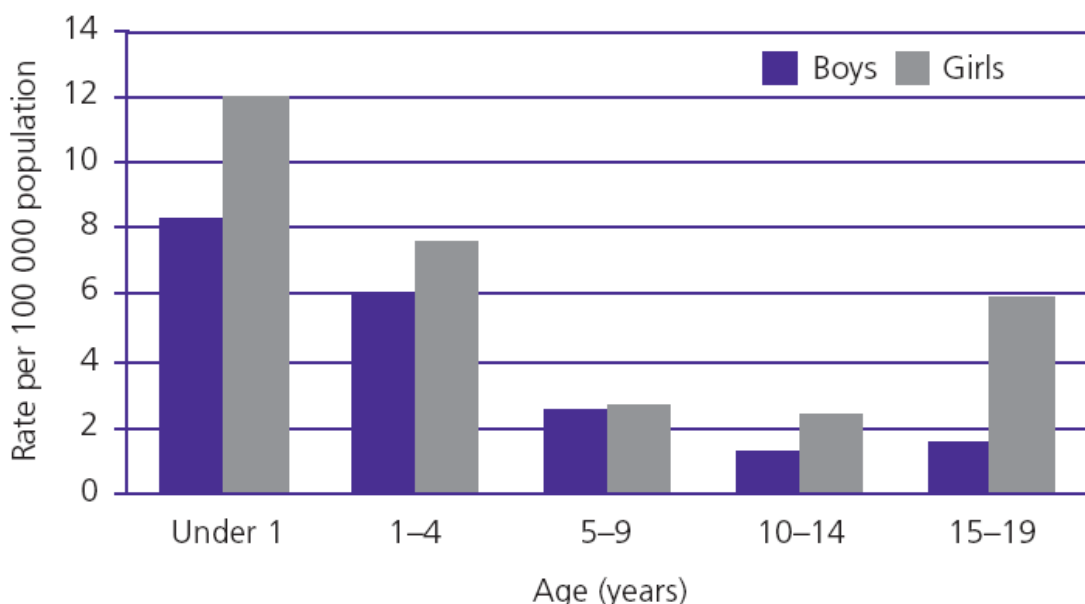


Burns are the only child injury which occur more commonly in girls than boys

More than 95 000 children and teenagers die from burns each year – that is approximately 262 children per day. Burns is the only injury which is more common among girls than boys. Burns are particularly prevalent among teenage girls in the Eastern Mediterranean and South-East Asia regions. Burns can result in significant long-term consequences which - in the absence of a comprehensive and coordinated rehabilitation programme – can leave children scarred physically and psychologically for the rest of their lives.

Fatal fire-related burn rates per 100 000 children by age and sex, World, 2004



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