

## Falls among children are the leading cause of presentation to an emergency department

Nearly 47 000 children and teenagers die from falls each year – that is approximately 129 children per day. But that is just the tip of the iceberg. For every fatal fall there are about 690 children who miss school or cannot work. In addition, non-fatal falls are the most common reason for children to be taken to an emergency room and a leading cause of long term disability.

### Injury pyramid for fall-related injuries among children 0–17 years

