Injuries represent a large proportion of child deaths, in particular for older children

Child injuries are a growing global public health problem. They are a significant area of concern from the age of one year. Among older children they represent almost half of the deaths.

Main causes of death among children, World, 2004

![Bar chart showing percentage of deaths by age group and cause]

- Under 1: Injuries (40%), Noncommunicable diseases (20%), Communicable diseases (40%)
- 1–4: Injuries (30%), Noncommunicable diseases (30%), Communicable diseases (40%)
- 5–9: Injuries (20%), Noncommunicable diseases (30%), Communicable diseases (50%)
- 10–14: Injuries (10%), Noncommunicable diseases (30%), Communicable diseases (60%)
- 15–19: Injuries (5%), Noncommunicable diseases (35%), Communicable diseases (60%)

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Injuries: includes communicable, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions.