

OVER 60% OF ALL UNDER-5 INJURIES HAPPEN IN THE HOME.

The most common are: ● Deaths (2007-2011) ● Hospitalisation (2009-2013)



Suffocation:
71%

Caught, jammed or pinched, or inserted or ingested small objects:

16%



48 children (0-14 years old) are killed in the home **EVERY YEAR.**

88% are 0-4 year old.

Drowning:
12%



Poisoning:
12%



231 are hospitalised **EVERY MONTH.**

58% are 0-4 year old.



Pedestrian:
8%

Burns:
11%



Falls:
38%



Struck by or against:
6%

Every year home-related ACC child claim costs (2014-2015) for under-5s amount to

\$29M



In **80%** of fatal house fires, smoke alarms were either not installed or not working.

50% of home injuries are linked to structural issues. These include:

- Inadequate fencing and balustrades
- Hot water temperature at the tap is too hot (over 50°C)
- Lack of safe storage
- Uneven, slippery and rotten floors
- Glass doors not made from safety glass





Have a fenced play area away from the driveway and road.

Keep blind and curtain cords out of reach.



Always run the cold water first in the bath.



Use gates at stairs and doorways. For pool owners, have a compliant pool fence.



Store chemicals and medicine out of sight and reach.

Use pinch guards or door stops to stop internal doors from slamming.



Have working smoke alarms (and test once a month).



Baby has their own baby bed, wahakura or pepi pod to sleep in.



For more information, download the 'Safe-As Houses' Guidebook at www.safekids.nz.

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Safekids Aotearoa's mission is to reduce the incidence and severity of unintentional injuries to children in New Zealand ages 0-14 years.