

Falls

FACT	REFERENCE
1. A serious fall may result in a traumatic brain injury (TBI) or spinal injury that may affect a child for the rest of their life.	1. https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/falls/adultfalls.html Report to SafeKids Aotearoa on BIONIC – Mechanisms of Injury in Childhood Traumatic. Brain Injury in New Zealand
2. More than 3 children are hospitalised every day from falls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls Hospitalisations each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 122 children from tripping, slipping and stumbling - 225 children from playgrounds - 110 children from beds - 126 children from chairs (high chairs, couch, sofa) - 102 children from decks or balconies 	2. Unpublished Child Injury Data. Injury Prevention Research Unit. Dunedin. University of Otago. Accessed in May 2020.
3. 49% of Traumatic Brain Injuries in children are caused by falls.	3. Report to SafeKids Aotearoa on BIONIC – Mechanisms of Injury in Childhood Traumatic Brain Injury in New Zealand
4. Safety Devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Window guards and latches. • Stair and safety gates. • Helmets with an approved safety standard. * windows above first floor should have emergency release in case of fire. Happens: In the home - 31% of fall-related hospitalisations Schools or public areas - 24% of fall-related hospitalisations Sports or athletic areas - 115 of fall-related hospitalisations	4. Safekids Aotearoa. (2015). Child Unintentional Deaths and Injuries in New Zealand, and Prevention Strategies. Auckland, NZ: Safekids Aotearoa. 5. https://bit.ly/3d8oTEL
5. 45 million a year in ACC claims for child fall injuries.	6. Unpublished ACC child fall injury claims data. ACC. Accessed in 2015