

# Know about injury risks

My kindergarten best friend [near the microphone] had a car crash with a semi-trailer some years ago. I'm very glad she wasn't injured as she is such a dear special friend.

World Health Organization [Injury Statistics from 2021], approximately 1.3 million people die/year from road traffic crashes.



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## An Unhelmeted Motorcyclist Not Holding Both Handlebars - A Photographic Idea for Education Presented as an Initial Scoping Study

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In Thailand, it is the law to wear a helmet but many people do not, and law enforcement is inadequate.



World Health Organization [WHO] [2021] injury statistics; falls account for over 684,000 deaths/year.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare [AIHW], in 2018-19, falls resulted in 231,000 hospitalizations and 5,300 deaths.

7% of fall hospitalizations involved stairs or steps.



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## A Survey for Ascertaining Details Related to Falls on Stairs or Escalators

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### ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, publication titled: 'Injury in Australia: falls' states that in 2017-18, 42% of hospitalized injury cases were due to falls, and 40% of injury deaths were due to falls. In Melbourne City, at various stations, there are extremely long escalators, and alarmingly, one sign previously displayed states there are approximately 2-3 falls/ week on train station escalators.



At Parliament station [Melbourne] there are many escalator falls. A Metro Trains report [2018] - 600 escalator-related incident reports over 9 years. Almost half were people falling backward while traveling upward and 39% of incidents involve people carrying bags. Reference [Mills N. 2018; ABC Radio Melbourne] article title upon request.

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Drowning is the 6th leading cause of death for children aged 5-14 years [WHO]



This lady shopping for garments [stock photo] shows she is carrying possibly seven what looks like designer shopping bags so she cannot hold the escalator railing.

Know your injury risk either globally [refer World Health Organisation URLs] or read country specific documents. You are less likely to be injured as a result of a 3-tonne elephant falling upon you when they are bathing in the water, as compared to road traffic crash injury risk, falls risk or drowning risk.  
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