

# Publication Summary



## Unintentional Injuries

Hospital admissions: Year ending 31 March 2015

Deaths: Year ending 31 December 2014

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### About this Release

This release from the Information Services Division (ISD) reports on hospital admissions and deaths related to unintentional injuries and assaults.

For the first time, a new table ([Table E5](#)), showing numbers and rates of unintentional injuries due to falls by age group, gender, NHS Board and Local Council Area (LCA), has been added to the publication.

### Key points

- Unintentional injuries accounted for approximately 1 in 8 emergency hospital admissions for children and 1 in 11 for adults in Scotland in 2014/15.
- There were 54,710 emergency admissions to hospital in Scotland for unintentional injuries in 2014/15. There has been little fluctuation in the past ten years with 53,048 emergency admissions in 2005/06.
- There were 1,750 deaths in Scotland in 2014 due to unintentional injury, 23 in children under the age of 15 and 1,727 in adults aged 15 years and over.
- In 2014/15 there were 23,632 emergency admissions to hospital for an unintentional injury in those aged 65 and over, with 84% of these admissions being the result of a fall.
- Children and adults in the most deprived areas are more likely than those in the least deprived areas to have an emergency admission to hospital for an unintentional injury. In 2014/15 children in the most deprived areas had a standardised discharge ratio approximately 19% higher than the Scottish average. For adults, this was nearly 40% higher than the Scottish average.
- Emergency hospital admissions resulting from assault have decreased by 52% since 2008/09.

## Background

Unintentional injuries can occur in any age group, but children and the elderly are more vulnerable. The term 'unintentional injury' is used rather than 'accidents' as 'accident' implies that events are unavoidable when actually a high proportion of these incidents are preventable.

The information comes from hospital administrative systems across Scotland, up to and including the financial year 2014/15 and from death registrations sourced from National Records of Scotland, up to and including calendar year 2014.

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