



Home-Related Head Injuries

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In 2008, an estimated 1.2 million people were treated at U.S. hospital emergency rooms for head injuries related to common products found inside the home. The following products are the top 20 categories contributing to the most head injuries. Thousands of additional head injuries are related to outside the house, such as driveways, porches, and workshops (not included in these statistics). Many injuries can be avoided by removing potential hazards inside the home. Secure rugs and loose electrical cords, put away toys and other products, supervise children, use safety gates, install window guards and night lights. Install grab bars and handrails if you are frail or elderly.

Top 20 Home-Related Head Injuries by Product

Product Category

Estimated Injuries

1. Floors or Flooring Materials	297,961
2. Stairs or Steps	137,176
3. Beds or Bedframes (other or not specified)	116,405
4. Tables (not classified elsewhere)	75,805
5. Ceilings and Walls (completed structure)	68,453
6. Chairs (other or not specified)	60,484
7. Bathtubs or Showers	39,086
8. Cabinets, Racks, Room Dividers and Shelves	38,786
9. Doors (other or not specified)	33,987
10. Desks, Chests, Bureaus or Buffets	26,778
11. Sofas, Couches, Davenports, Divans	30,257
12. Rugs or Carpets (not specified)	18,795
13. Toilets	17,004
14. Toys (all toy categories combined)	15,793
15. Counters or Countertops	14,378
16. Door Sills or Frames	14,122
17. Televisions	10,384
18. Bunk Beds	9,711
19. Footwear	8,442
20. Handrails, Railings or Banisters	7,528

Table source: American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Based on statistics provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Directorate for Epidemiology; National Injury Information Clearinghouse; National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Product Summary Report—Head Injuries Only—Calendar Year 2008.