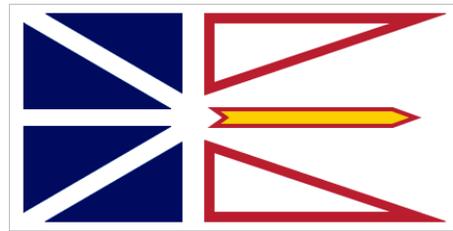


Child & Youth Unintentional Injury in Atlantic Canada: 10 years in review Newfoundland & Labrador (NL)

The number one cause of death for children aged 1-14 is pedestrian injuries.
The number one reason children are hospitalized is because of a fall.

How are children dying?

| Deaths | Atlantic Canada | Canada |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Pedestrian | Child Passenger (Motor Vehicle) |
| 2 | Threats to breathing | Drowning / submersion |
| 3 | Drowning / submersion | Pedestrian |
| 4 | Fire / Burn | Threats to breathing |
| 5 | Child Passenger (Motor Vehicle) | Fire / Burn |



How are children being injured?

| Hospitalizations | Nova Scotia | PEI | NB | NL | Canada | Atlantic Canada |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Falls | Falls | Falls | Falls | Falls | Falls |
| 2 | Playground Falls | Poisonings | Poisonings | Bicycles | Playground Falls | Bicycles |
| 3 | Bicycles | Playground Falls | Bicycles | Poisonings | Bicycles | Poisonings |
| 4 | Poisonings | Bicycles | Playground Falls | Fire/Burns | Poisonings | Playground Falls |
| 5 | Fire / Burns | Fire / Burns | Child Passenger | Playground Falls | Child Passenger | Fire / Burns |

- NL makes up almost 22.1% of Atlantic Canada’s child and youth population, and accounts for 20.5% of the region’s cost for unintentional injuries for this age group.
- Across Atlantic Canada, NL had the highest rate of admission for unintentional injuries related to children being injured as pedestrians struck by motor vehicles (15.5 / 100 000), bicycle injuries (49.2/100,000), and fire/burns (20.4/100,000).
- Within Atlantic Canada, NL has the lowest rates of hospitalization for unintentional injuries related to playground falls (18.3/100,000) and drowning (2.0/100,000).

What’s happening in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)?

ATV legislation: The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has legislation that prohibits the use of adult-sized ATVs by children under the age of 16 years.

Child Passenger: Effective in 2008, the province of Newfoundland and Labrador legislated that children up to and including the age of 8 must be in a booster seat when riding as a passenger in a motor vehicle. This was in addition to existing legislation regarding the use of child car seats for infants and younger children.

Wheeled Activities: NL is currently the only province in Atlantic Canada that does not have bicycle helmet legislation.

ACIP: ACIP is a collaboration of more than 200 individuals and organizations working for injury prevention and control. Their goal is to reduce the burden of injury in Atlantic Canada through interprovincial leadership, surveillance, research, policy development and capacity building.



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