

Child & Youth Unintentional Injury in Atlantic Canada: 10 years in review Prince Edward Island

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-related injury.

Leading causes of injury death

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

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Leading causes of injury hospitalization

Hospitalizations	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	NL	Canada	Atlantic Canada
1	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls
2	Poisonings	Playground Falls	Poisonings	Bicycles	Playground Falls	Bicycles
3	Playground Falls	Bicycles	Bicycles	Poisonings	Bicycles	Poisonings
4	Bicycles	Poisonings	Playground Falls	Fire / Burns	Poisonings	Playground Falls
5	Fire / Burns	Fire / Burns	Child Passenger	Playground Falls	Child Passenger	Fire / Burns

- PEI accounts for 6.4% of Atlantic Canada’s child and youth population, and only 6.0% of the cost of unintentional injury in the region for this age group.
- Across Atlantic Canada, PEI had the second highest rate of admission for unintentional injuries related to playground falls.
- PEI had the lowest hospitalization rates for injuries related to bicycles, falls, ATV/ORV, drowning and threats to breathing within Atlantic Canada.
- PEI has led the Atlantic region over the past decade with the lowest rates of child injury – but has been less successful than the other Atlantic Provinces in further reducing those rates.

Of Interest...PEI

- The Island Network for Injury Prevention (INIP) is a network of more than 60 organizations and individuals involved or interested in any area of injury prevention from early childhood to late adulthood where we live, learn, work and play. For more information on INIP contact Sally Lockhart, 902-859-2500 or sally@spectrumsolutions.com.

What's happening in Prince Edward Island?

ATV legislation: In 2007 changes came into effect to the act that stipulated that children 14 and over may operate an ATV with the following conditions. If you are 14 or 15, you must successfully complete an ATV safety training course approved by the registrar and that you must be supervised by an adult who has had a valid driving license for 2 years or who holds a valid driver's licence and has completed an ATV safety training course approved by the registrar. If you are 16, or over, you must have held a valid driver's licence for 2 years or completed an ATV safety training course approved by the registrar.

Child Passenger: In 2008, Prince Edward Island expanded its legislation on car restraint use to include booster seats. Regulations now state that children must remain in a booster seat up until age 10 or be 4 ft, 9 in. tall.

Poison Awareness: In 2006, the IWK Regional Poison Centre established an electronic charting system to document all calls to the Poison Centre; statistical information is now available for all NS and PEI cases reported.

Wheeled Activities: Prince Edward Island has bicycle helmet legislation in place for all ages; further action must be done to enforce helmet use for all wheeled activities and provide a consistent approach to injury prevention across Atlantic Canada.

Child Safety Link (CSL): This Maritime wide injury prevention program has established several resources addressing issues such as: fall prevention, home safety, poison awareness and child seat safety. CSL has also developed several public service announcements addressing injury prevention.

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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