

Focus On... Unintentional Injury

Sarasota County

2021 Leading Causes of Fatal Injury, All Ages¹

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Fall



Drug Poisoning



Motor Vehicle Traffic



Firearm



Suffocation

Florida



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We compared the fatal injury rates of each category between the county and the state. If the data category is in **green** that means the rate is **better** than the Florida average, if it is **red** it is **worse** than the Florida average.

Leading Cause of Fatal Unintentional Injury in Florida Through the Ages, 2021¹



Under 1



Ages 1-4



Ages 5-24



Ages 25-64



Over 65

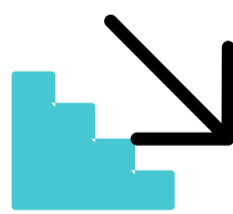
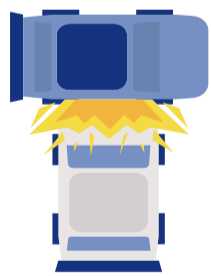
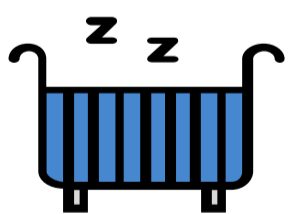
Suffocation with **88** deaths

Drowning with **72** deaths

Motor vehicle traffic with **635** deaths

Drug poisoning with **6,625** deaths

Falls with **3,805** deaths



In 2021, the leading unintentional injury that sent seniors (aged 65 and older) to the emergency department was **falling**.

Seniors in Sarasota County had a **slightly lower** rate of emergency department visits due to falls than the Florida average (3,870.7 vs. 3,955.7) in 2021.²



¹ Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics

² Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

HPC encourages you to think about next steps to improve unintentional injuries in Southwest Florida. You may want to **get involved, get informed, and/or get more data.**

Get Involved

Safe Kids Southwest Florida

- Safekidsswfl.org
- This coalition implements evidence-based programs, such as car-seat checkups, safety workshops, and sports clinics, that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.

Healthy Sarasota

- Healthysarasota.com
- Healthy Sarasota County works to make wellbeing thrive in our community.

Drug Free Sarasota

- Drugfreesarasota.org
- Drug Free Sarasota is a coalition striving to increase community awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Hanley Foundation

- Hanleyfoundation.org
- At Hanley Foundation, we are dedicated to changing the face of addiction through prevention, advocacy, treatment, and recovery support.

Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

- Aaswfl.org
- AAASWFL is committed to connecting older adults and adults with disabilities to resources and assistance for living safely with independence and dignity.

Florida Department of Elder Affairs

- Elderaffairs.org
- The major focus of DOEA is to provide home and community-based services to seniors who are at risk of being placed into a long-term care facility because of their degree of frailty.

Florida Falls Prevention Coalition

- Ncoa.org/article/florida-state-falls-prevention-coalition
- Falls prevention coalition can bring together organizations and providers that need to collaborate to reduce falls, identify state or community needs, recommend policy changes, and build capacity.

Get Informed

University of Rochester Medical Center

- Urmc.rochester.edu
- This page provides an overview of preventing unintentional injuries.

Healthy People 2030

- Health.gov
- Healthy People identifies public health priorities to help improve health and well-being across the United States.

Florida Department of Health

- Floridahealth.gov
- The Florida Department of Health works to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.

Get Data

- [Leading Causes of Fatal Injury Dashboard](#)
 - Flhealthcharts.gov/charts/OpenPage.aspx?tn=671
- [Fatal Injuries Profile](#)
 - Flhealthcharts.gov/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.InjuryProfileDASHBOAR
- [Florida Health Charts](#)
 - Flhealthcharts.gov/



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