

# Focus On... Unintentional Injury

## Charlotte County

### 2023 Leading Causes of Fatal Injury, All Ages<sup>1</sup>

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Fall



Drug Poisoning



Motor Vehicle Traffic



Firearm



Suffocation

#### Florida



Drug Poisoning



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Motor Vehicle Traffic



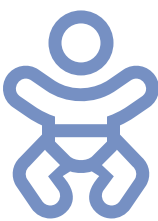
Firearm



Suffocation

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, 2023<sup>1</sup>



Under 1



Ages 1-4



Ages 5-24



Ages 25-64



Over 65

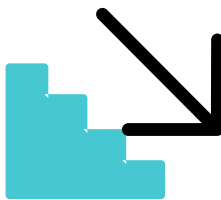
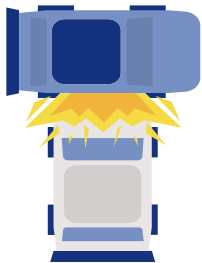
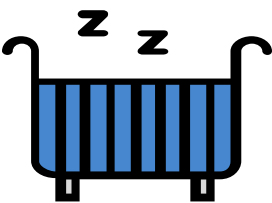
Suffocation with  
92 deaths

Drowning with  
70 deaths

Motor vehicle  
traffic with  
543 deaths

Drug poisoning  
with 5,705  
deaths

Falls with  
3,989 deaths



Seniors in Charlotte County had a slightly lower rate of emergency department visits due to **falls** than the Florida average (4,843.7 vs. 5,400.4) in 2023<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics  
<sup>2</sup> Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)

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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](http://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 Charlotte

- [Healthycharlottecounty.org](http://Healthycharlottecounty.org)
- Healthy Charlotte is a community collaborative that includes residents, healthcare professionals, and organizations vested in making Charlotte County, Florida a healthy community.

### Drug Free Charlotte County

- [Drugfreecharlottecounty.org](http://Drugfreecharlottecounty.org)
- Leading to prevent addiction through community awareness, education, and strong partnerships

### Hanley Foundation

- [Hanleyfoundation.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://Urmc.rochester.edu)
- This page provides an overview of preventing unintentional injuries.

### Healthy People 2030

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



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