

# PEDIATRIC FALLS

THE #1 CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN ARE DUE TO INJURIES. THESE MAY INCLUDE: CAR CRASHES, FIRES, AND FALLS



MORE THAN 1/3 OF FALLS ARE PREVENTABLE

In 2017-2018, for children aged 1-4 and 5-14, falls were the leading cause of injury-related ED visits.



CAREGIVERS ARE PRESENT 82.9% OF THE TIME DURING A PEDIATRIC FALL

87% occur in bedroom



13% occur in bathroom



FALL ASSESSMENT MNEMONICS ARE USED BY 87.9% OF HOSPITALS TO DECREASE RISK

**C**hange in mental status

**H**istory of falls

**A**ge less than 36 months

**M**obility impairment

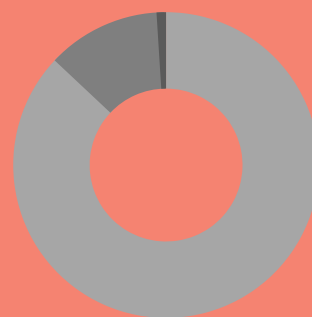
**P**arental involvement

**S**afety



BED SIZE PLAYS A FACTOR IN FALL RISK

87% occur in adult beds



13% occur in cribs

1% occur in youth beds

## RESOURCES

- [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)
- [www.childrenssafetynetwork.org](http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org)
- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- **Call 911 in an emergency**

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