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: Change in mental status
H: History of falls
A: Age less than 36 months
M: Mobility impairment
P: Parental involvement
S: Safety

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
- www.childrenssafetynetwork.org
- www.cdc.gov

- Call 911 in an emergency