

Each year unintentional injuries account for more than 400,000 deaths globally, the majority in children and adolescents. Most of these occur in low- and middle-income countries. Many of those who survive these injuries suffer life-long disabling health consequences. Children and adolescents are more vulnerable to certain types of injuries. For example, poisoning, drowning, burns, and maltreatment by caregivers affect primarily small children, while road traffic accidents, interpersonal violence and sports injuries tend to affect older children and adolescents. In addition, injuries tend to be more prevalent in boys.

The majority of childhood injuries can be prevented. One of the best ways is through education. This activity will focus on the prevention of burns, drowning and traffic related accidents.

• Don't play near fires.