



## **FACTS ABOUT INJURIES TO CHILDREN AT HOME**

**In 2002, 5,305 children died from accidental injuries; approximately 40 percent of these deaths occurred in and around the home.**

- In 2003, approximately 1,900 children ages 14 and under died in the home from accidental injuries. Nearly 80 percent of these deaths occurred among children ages 4 and under.
- Each year, there are an estimated 3.4 million visits to hospital emergency departments by children ages 14 and under for injuries that occurred in the home. Nearly 2 million of these visits are by children ages 4 and under.
- Young children are at increased risk from accidental injuries in the home because it is where they spend most of their time.

**Accidental home injury deaths to children are caused primarily by airway obstruction, fire and burns, drowning, firearms, falls, choking and poisoning.**

- In 2003, an estimated 580 children ages 14 and under suffocated in the home. Of these children, nearly 90 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 350 children ages 14 and under died from fires and burns in the home. Nearly 60 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 320 children ages 14 and under drowned in or around the home. Of these children, more than 80 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 150 children ages 14 and under choked to death in the home. Of these children, nearly 90 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 60 children ages 14 and under died as the result of falls in the home. Of these children, nearly 70 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 50 children ages 14 and under died from poisonings in the home. Of these children, an estimated 60 percent were ages 4 and under.
- In 2003, an estimated 40 children ages 14 and under died from unintentional shootings in the home. Of these children, half were ages 5 to 14.