

INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSUMER PRODUCTS



Bed product–related injuries account for half a million hospital emergency department visits annually in the United States.

The following list of items found in and around the home was selected from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) for 2004. The NEISS estimates are calculated from a statistically representative

sample of hospitals in the United States. Injury totals represent estimates of the number of hospital emergency department–treated cases nationwide associated with various products. However, product involvement may or may not be the cause of the injury.

CONSUMER PRODUCT–RELATED INJURIES TREATED IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, 2004
(excluding most sports or sports equipment; see also page 130)

Description	Injuries ^a
Home Workshop Equipment	
Saws (hand or power)	101,420
Hammers	36,066
Tools, not specified	27,688
Household Packaging and Containers	
Household containers and packaging	223,260
Bottles and jars	72,107
Bags	42,406
Paper products	23,966
Housewares	
Knives	460,309
Tableware and flatware (excl. knives)	107,052
Drinking glasses	82,517
Waste containers, trash baskets, etc.	33,438
Scissors	31,759
Cookware, bowls, and canisters	30,861
Home Furnishing, Fixtures, and Accessories	
Beds	518,441
Chairs	306,523
Tables, n.e.c. ^a	305,214
Household cabinets, racks, and shelves	268,183
Bathtubs and showers	226,296
Ladders	183,758
Sofas, couches, davenports, divans, etc.	145,936
Rugs and carpets	124,590
Other furniture ^b	111,687
Toilets	64,216
Misc. decorating items	54,514
Stools	45,261
Benches	27,551
Mirrors or mirror glass	26,454
Sinks	23,087
Home Structures and Construction Materials	
Stairs or steps	1,138,196
Floors or flooring materials	1,112,226
Other doors ^c	327,041
Ceilings and walls	314,346
Nails, screws, tacks, or bolts	167,908
Porches, balconies, open-side floors	146,936
Windows	141,120
House repair and construction materials	119,359
Fences or fence posts	111,948
Door sills or frames	48,778
Handrails, railings, or banisters	43,997
Counters or countertops	43,344
Poles	42,113
Glass doors	30,869

Description	Injuries ^a
General Household Appliances	
Refrigerators	31,858
Ranges	29,884
Heating, Cooling, and Ventilating Equipment	
Pipes (excluding smoking pipes)	35,622
Home Communication and Entertainment Equipment	
Televisions	42,811
Personal-Use Items	
Footwear	121,094
Wheelchairs	105,935
Jewelry	79,753
Crutches, canes, walkers	78,256
First aid equipment	44,786
Daywear	43,443
Desk supplies	40,863
Razors and shavers	37,307
Coins	31,426
Other clothing ^d	26,558
Yard and Garden Equipment	
Lawn mowers	81,948
Pruning, trimming, and edging equipment	42,508
Chainsaws	32,436
Other unpowered garden tools ^e	26,288
Recreation Equipment	
Bicycles	534,883
Skateboards	113,329
Trampolines	111,851
Toys, n.e.c.	90,547
Monkey bars or other playground climbing equipment	80,206
Swimming pools	79,601
Minibikes or trailbikes	71,453
Swings or swing sets	64,730
Scooters (unpowered)	51,390
Slides or sliding boards	43,599
Dancing	40,599
Aquariums and other pet supplies	39,734
Other playground equipment ^f	27,447
Sleds	23,842
Miscellaneous Products	
Carts	45,670
Hot water	42,691

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, Product Summary Report, All Products, CY2004.

Note: Products are listed above if the estimate was greater than 23,000 cases.

n.e.c. = not elsewhere classified.

^a Excludes baby changing and television tables or stands.

^b Excludes cabinets, racks shelves, desks, bureaus, chests, buffets, etc.

^c Excludes glass doors and garage doors.

^d Excludes costumes, masks, daywear, footwear, nightwear, and outerwear.

^e Includes cultivators, hoes, pitchforks, rakes, shovels, spades, and trowels.

^f Excludes monkey bars, seesaws, slides, and swings.