

If our government and the AR groups really care about saving human lives, they should concentrate on the tables below. The figures are for US residents, based on year 2001.

| Cause of death in 2001 | Number |
|---|------------------|
| All causes | 2,416,425 |
| Dry land | |
| Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes | 37,862 |
| Fall on and from steps and stairs | 1,462 |
| Fall from, out of, or through building or structure | 580 |
| Slipping/stumbling | 564 |
| Fall involving bed | 516 |
| Accidental strangulation and suffocation in bed | 456 |
| Fall on and from ladder | 376 |
| Fall involving chair | 181 |
| Fall involving wheelchair | 157 |
| Skates/skis/skateboard/roller-skates | 119 |
| Fall from tree | 111 |
| Fall from cliff | 68 |
| Contact with hot tap water | 57 |
| Contact with powered lawn mower | 45 |
| Dog attack | 25 |
| Toys-children 0-14 | 25 |
| Pushing or collision with another person | 22 |
| Contact with hot drinks and oils | 6 |
| In the water | |
| Drowning while in natural water | 845 |
| Drowning while in swimming pool | 494 |
| Drowning following fall into natural water | 209 |
| Drowning following fall into swimming pool | 102 |
| Diving or jumping into water (excluding drowning) | 68 |
| Shark attacks | 3 |
| Captive Exotic Animals | |
| Captive reptiles in the USA | 1.5* |
| Captive big cats in the USA | 1** |

Source: CDC, FARS, CPSC and Wikipedia

* Based on 11 year average 1995-2006 numbers

** Based on 16 year average 1990-2006 numbers

Lifetime Odds in 2001:

Captive Reptile related fatalities in USA 1-in-2,681,245

Captive Exotic Cat related fatalities in USA 1-in-4,000,000

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