

The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department



Injury Prevention Program
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At a Glance

2006 Unintentional Injury Death Rates

- Hamilton: 42.5
- TN: 54.4
- U.S.: 40.6

Tennessee Poison Control Hotline:
1-800-222-1222

Injury Topics and Facts Sheets from the CDC:

www.cdc.gov/ncipc/cmprfact.htm

Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Health Statistics.

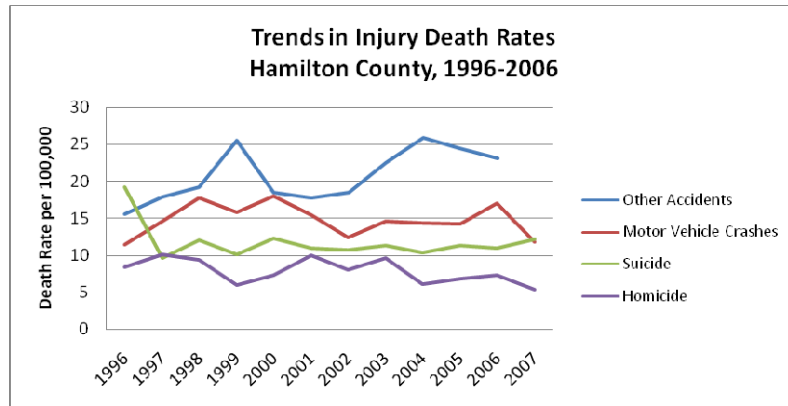
2002 Hamilton County Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Injury Prevention

Injuries as a Health Issue

Injuries are very common. Often, people say “accident” when they talk about injuries. In fact, most injuries can be predicted and prevented. The goal of Healthy People 2010 is to “reduce injuries, disabilities and deaths due to unintentional injuries and violence.”

In Hamilton County, injuries killed more residents between the ages of one and 44 than any other cause of death. In 2006, 133 Hamilton County residents died from unintentional injuries, with 41% dying in motor vehicle crashes. The majority of deaths from injuries were from motor vehicle crashes and suicides in Hamilton County. The motor vehicle death rate in Hamilton County has decreased 19% since 1999 and is lower than state and national rates.



The Cost of Injuries

In 2006, a total of 933 resident deaths occurred in Tennessee from firearm injuries, with intentional self-harm (60.7%) and assault (35.2%) as the primary causes. Motor vehicle crashes and accidental falls totaled in over \$66 million in hospital charges in Hamilton County, according to the Tennessee Hospital Discharge Data System in 2006.

	Hospitalization	Charges
Motor Vehicle Crashes	4,741	\$28,573,281
Suicide	467	\$3,442,577
Assault	1,806	\$5,539,873
Accidental Falls-All Ages	11,112	\$38,018,467
<i>Accidental Falls-65+</i>	3,022	\$20,478,605
Firearm Accidents	79	\$734,653
Poisonings	285	n/a

The Injury Prevention Program of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department focuses on reducing the number and severity of injuries in our community. Through partnerships with other safety-oriented organizations, the program is able to provide resources for contacts, educational materials and programs. For additional information, please call (423) 209-8203.