Keep Illinois Kids Safe

Children Visit the Emergency Department (ED) for **Falls** and **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)** more than any other Injury

27.8% **Falls**

8.9% **TBI**

4.1% **Motor Vehicle Crashes**

1.7% **Assault**

1.4% **Poisoning**

Total Injury-Related ED Visits for Children\(^1\) = 142,541

Cost of ED Visits\(^2\)

All injuries combined = $889 Million

**Falls** = $305 Million

**TBI** = $79 Million

ED Visits\(^1\) per Day

391 due to all injuries combined

109 due to **Falls**

35 due to **TBI**

Prevention Tips\(^3\)

**Falls**

- Supervise children around fall hazards, such as stairs and playground equipment, at home, or when out to play.

- Keep sports and play activities safe by encouraging the use of appropriate protective gear.

- Use home safety devices, such as guards on windows that are above ground level, stair gates, and guard rails.

**TBI**

- Make sure the surface on your child's playground is made of shock-absorbing material, such as hardwood mulch or sand.

- Encourage helmet use when playing sports, and riding bikes and skateboards.

- Ensure children are using the proper safety belts and seats when riding in vehicles.

Notes

Children are defined as persons ages 5-14; ED = Emergency Department; TBI = Traumatic Brain Injury; and costs includes medical and work loss costs for 2014 using the 2014 index. Sources:

1. IDPH, Center for Health Statistics, Emergency Department Data, 2014