

Childhood Injury Report:

Minerva Area Sub Report

**An analysis of Stark County Hospital
Emergency Department & Immediate Care
Facility visits for Stark County children
age 17 and under residing in the 44657,
44669 and 44670 zip codes**

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This report includes E-Codes (etiology) data collected from Affinity Medical Center, Alliance Community Hospital, Aultman Hospital and Mercy Medical Center from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 specifically for the 44657, 44669 and 44670 zip codes. E-Codes permit the classification of environmental events, circumstances and conditions as the cause of the injury, poisoning and other adverse effects. The use of E-Codes together with the code identifying the injury or condition provides additional information of a particular concern to the industrial medicine, insurance carriers, national safety programs and public health agencies. External causes of injury and poisonings codes (E-Codes) are intended to provide data for injury research and evaluation for injury prevention strategies. E-Codes capture how the injury or poisoning happened (cause), the intent (unintentional or accidental, or intentional, such as suicide or assault) and the place where the event occurred. E-Codes are never to be reported as a principal diagnosis.

The hospitals were asked to provide their E-Code data for children ages 17 and under during the time frame. Date of treatment, patient's age, race, ethnicity, gender, zip code where the child lives, top three E-Codes, emergency department disposition and facility (main campus or immediate/stat care) were reported for combined analysis. Reports prior to 2010 had fewer fields and only included children 14 and under.

If you have questions regarding the data collection or analysis process, if you would like to learn more about the Safe Kids Coalition or if you have comments or suggestions, please contact 330-493-9904 x 282. Additional copies of this, and older reports, are available at www.starkhealth.org/safekids.

Reports prior to 2010 did not include Immediate Care Facilities; Reports prior to 2009 included only children under age 14

VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY

Safe Kids Stark County, founded in 1992 by the Stark County Health Department, focuses on unintentional injury prevention for children 14 and under. To assist our partners with their injury prevention programming, we have included data for children up to age 17.

In 2005, the Stark County Health Department was awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health to begin a comprehensive surveillance of childhood injuries in Stark County. At that time, a Data & Research Committee was formed as a part of the Safe Kids Coalition to assist with the project. Additional funding was received in 2010 to continue and expand the surveillance project.

The reports include: 2002 Pilot (6 months of data from 3 hospitals), 2003-2010 County Reports, 2007 Trend Report (3 years), 2007, 2009 and 2010 Sub Reports for the 44601 Zip Code.

These reports are distributed to community leaders and agencies for heightened awareness. Recommendations are made to the Safe Kids Stark County Executive Board and the community to enhance and expand injury prevention programming.

For this report, injury data was collected from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. During that time 410 children living in the 44657, 44669 and 44670 zip codes, ages 17 and under, were treated in the four Stark County Emergency Departments (ED) and at the Immediate Care Facilities in Stark County for an injury.

CHILDHOOD INJURIES

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, accidental injury kills one million children annually worldwide. Ninety-eight percent of these deaths occur in low-income countries, where injury is making significant gains on disease as the leading cause of death in young children. In the United States and most other industrialized nations, accidental injury has surpassed disease to become the number one cause of death among children ages 14 and under.

According to Safe Kids USA, injuries are the second leading cause of hospitalization and the leading cause of emergency department visits among children fourteen and under.

However, due to the work of nearly 650 Safe Kids Coalitions, Safe Kids USA reports the accidental death rate dropped 43% from 1987 to 2004. They also report that in the last 20 years, the accidental injury rate has dropped over 45%.

In Stark County, injuries continue to be a problem—with over 11,000 children being treated each year. Previous reports ([available at www.starkhealth.org/safekids](http://www.starkhealth.org/safekids)) highlight the problem locally, however they did not include Immediate Care Facility data and prior to 2010 only included children up to age 14.

CHILDHOOD INJURIES - FACILITY COMPARISON

Total Number of Children Treated

Immediate Care Facilities	Hospital Emergency Department	Total
48	362	410

Children Treated By Month

	Immediate Care Facilities	Hospital Emergency Department	Total
January	2	27	29
February	0	20	20
March	5	33	38
April	0	32	32
May	2	27	29
June	2	27	29
July	0	40	40
August	9	52	61
September	7	42	49
October	14	27	41
November	6	17	23
December	1	18	19

Children Treated By Gender

	Immediate Care Facilities	Hospital Emergency Department	Total
Male	27	208	235
Female	21	154	175

CHILDHOOD INJURIES - FACILITY COMPARISON

Children Treated By Age

	Immediate Care Facilities	Hospital Emergency Department	Total
Less than 1	1	13	14
1	1	14	15
2	0	15	15
3	2	18	20
4	2	13	15
5	1	7	8
6	2	8	10
7	3	18	21
8	1	12	13
9	2	8	10
10	2	21	23
11	2	17	19
12	5	31	36
13	4	34	38
14	5	25	30
15	4	31	35
16	6	27	33
17	5	50	55

Children Treated By Race

	Immediate Care Facilities	Hospital Emergency Department	Total
African American	0	0	0
Caucasian	48	124	172
Other	0	1	1
Unknown*	0	237	237

*If race is unknown, it was not provided by the hospital.

CHILDHOOD INJURIES - FACILITY COMPARISON

Children Treated By Cause of Injury

	Immediate Care Facilities	Hospital Emergency Department	Total
Animal Related	4	17	21
Attempted Suicide (Previously Suicide)	0	1	1
Burns - Not Fire Related	0	3	3
Choking / Suffocation	0	0	0
Cut By Sharp Object	3	20	23
Falls	6	85	91
Fire Arm	0	0	0
Fire Related	0	0	0
Foreign Body	0	7	7
Generic Accident	0	6	6
Human Bite	0	0	0
Machinery	0	1	1
Overexertion & Strenuous Movements	6	28	34
Physical Harm (Previously Abuse, Assault, Neglect)	0	4	4
Poisoning	1	9	10
Struck By / Striking Object	8	56	64
Sports & Recreation	18	80	98
Vehicle Related (Previously Motor Vehicle Related)	1	26	27
Water Related	0	0	0
Weather	0	0	0
Wheeled Sports	1	19	20
TOTAL	48	362	410

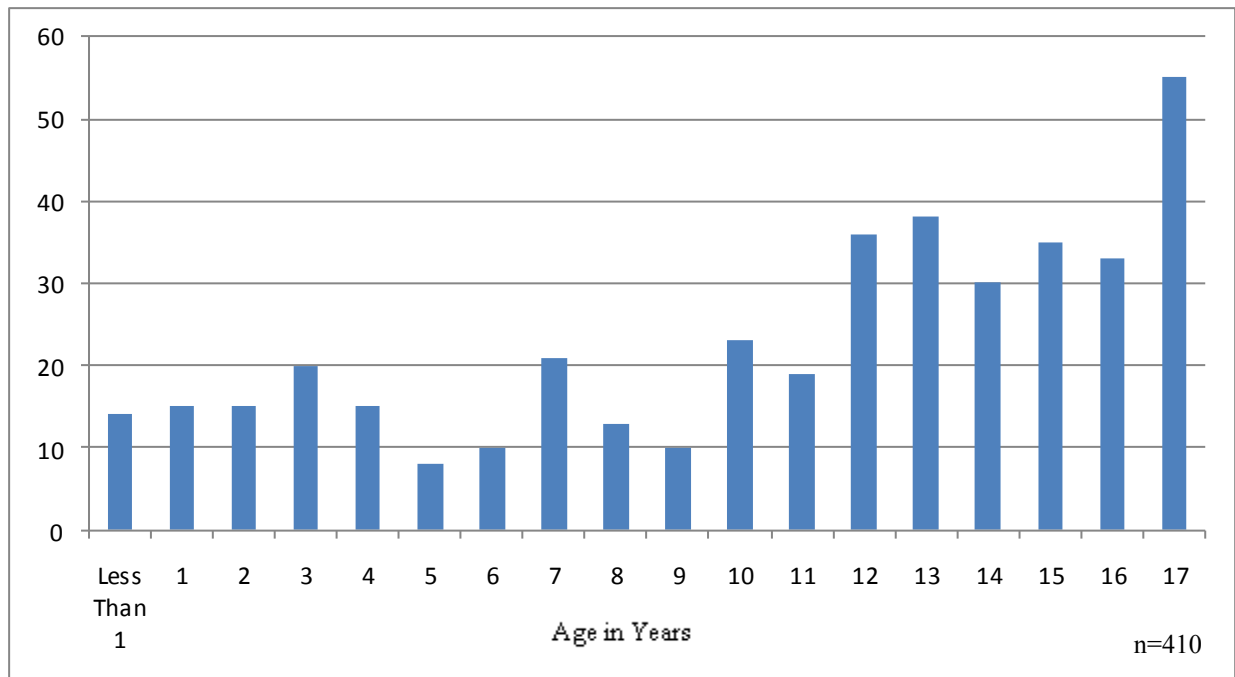
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - ALL FACILITIES

AGE	# OF INJURIES	% OF TOTAL INJURIES	POPULATION*	RATE OF INJURY PER 1,000 POPULATION
LESS THAN 1	14	3.4%	147	95.2
1	15	3.7%	135	111.1
2	15	3.7%	141	106.4
3	20	4.9%	146	137.0
4	15	3.7%	145	103.4
5	8	2.0%	173	46.2
6	10	2.4%	159	62.9
7	21	5.1%	178	118.0
8	13	3.2%	168	77.4
9	10	2.4%	180	55.6
10	23	5.6%	157	146.5
11	19	4.6%	195	97.4
12	36	8.8%	179	201.1
13	38	9.3%	186	204.3
14	30	7.3%	185	162.2
15	35	8.5%	204	171.6
16	33	8.0%	163	202.5
17	55	13.4%	203	270.9
TOTAL	410	100%	3,036	135.0

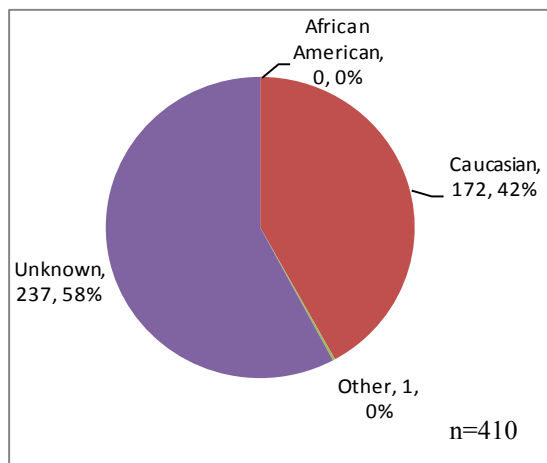
*SOURCE: 2000 CENSUS—includes only those residing in Stark County

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - ALL FACILITIES

Number of Children Treated by Age



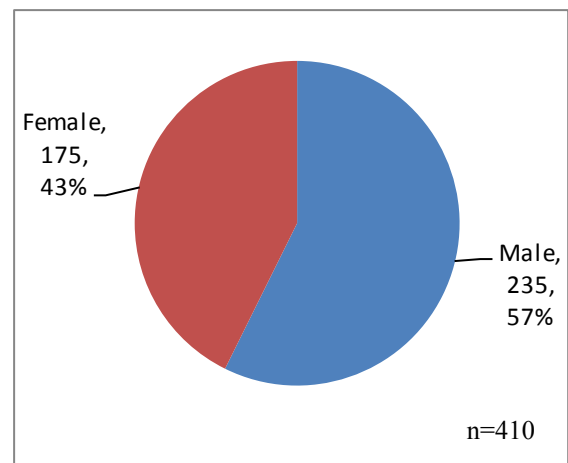
Children Treated by Race



Minerva Area Population
All Ages (age breakdown not available)
By Race

Caucasian: 98.8%
African American: <1%
Other (including multi-racial): <1%

Children Treated by Gender



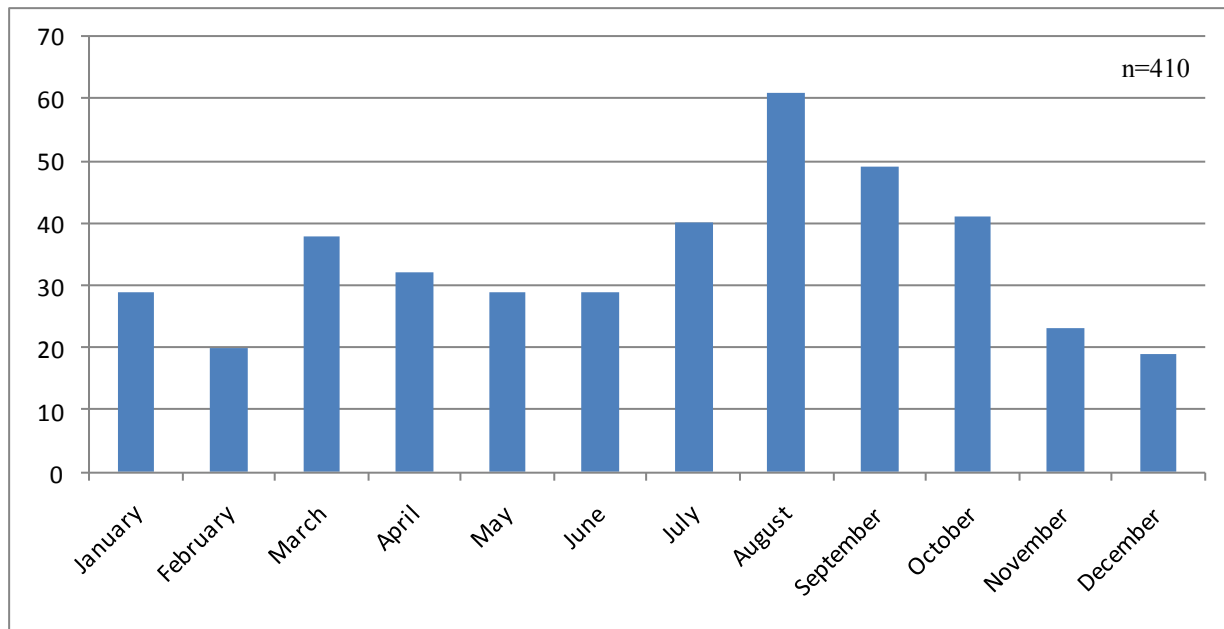
Minerva Area Population
Age 17 and Under
By Gender

Male: 51.9%
Female: 48.1%

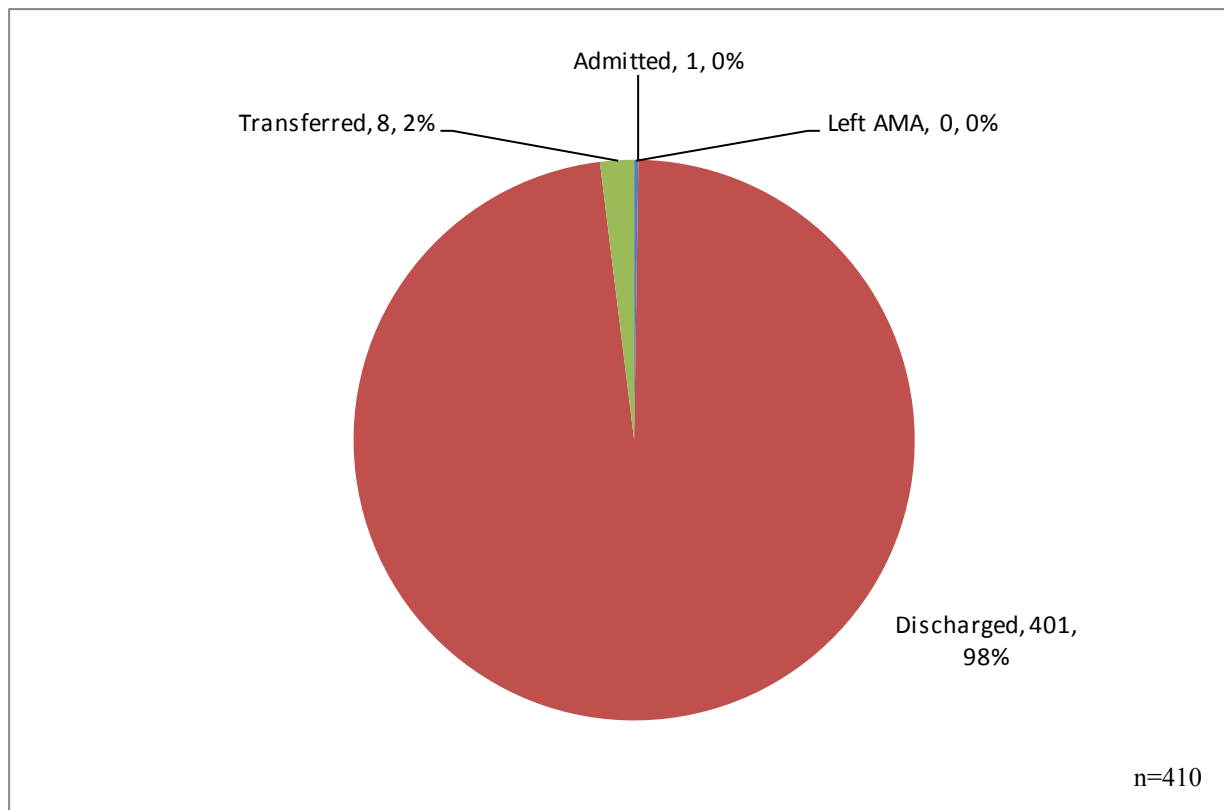
Source: 2000 Census

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - ALL FACILITIES

Number of Children Treated By Month



Final Disposition / Outcome of Seeking Treatment



E-CODE HEADINGS

There are over 1,200 potential E-Codes used in hospital emergency departments. For the purposes of this report, the committee assigned each E-Code to a particular heading. The headings are listed below. The top 13 causes of injury were further analyzed on the following pages. Some headings will have multiple sub-headings. E-Codes with no statistical significance were not analyzed, but they are listed on page 26.

- Animal Related
- Attempted Suicide
- Burns (Not Fire Related)
- Choking / Suffocation
- Cut By Sharp Object
- Falls
- Fire Arms
- Fire Related
- Foreign Body (Not Choking)
- Generic Accident
- Human Bites
- Machinery
- Overexertion & Strenuous Movements
- Physical Harm
- Poisoning
- Struck By / Striking Object
- Sports & Recreation
- Vehicle Related
- Water Related
- Weather Related
- Wheeled Sports

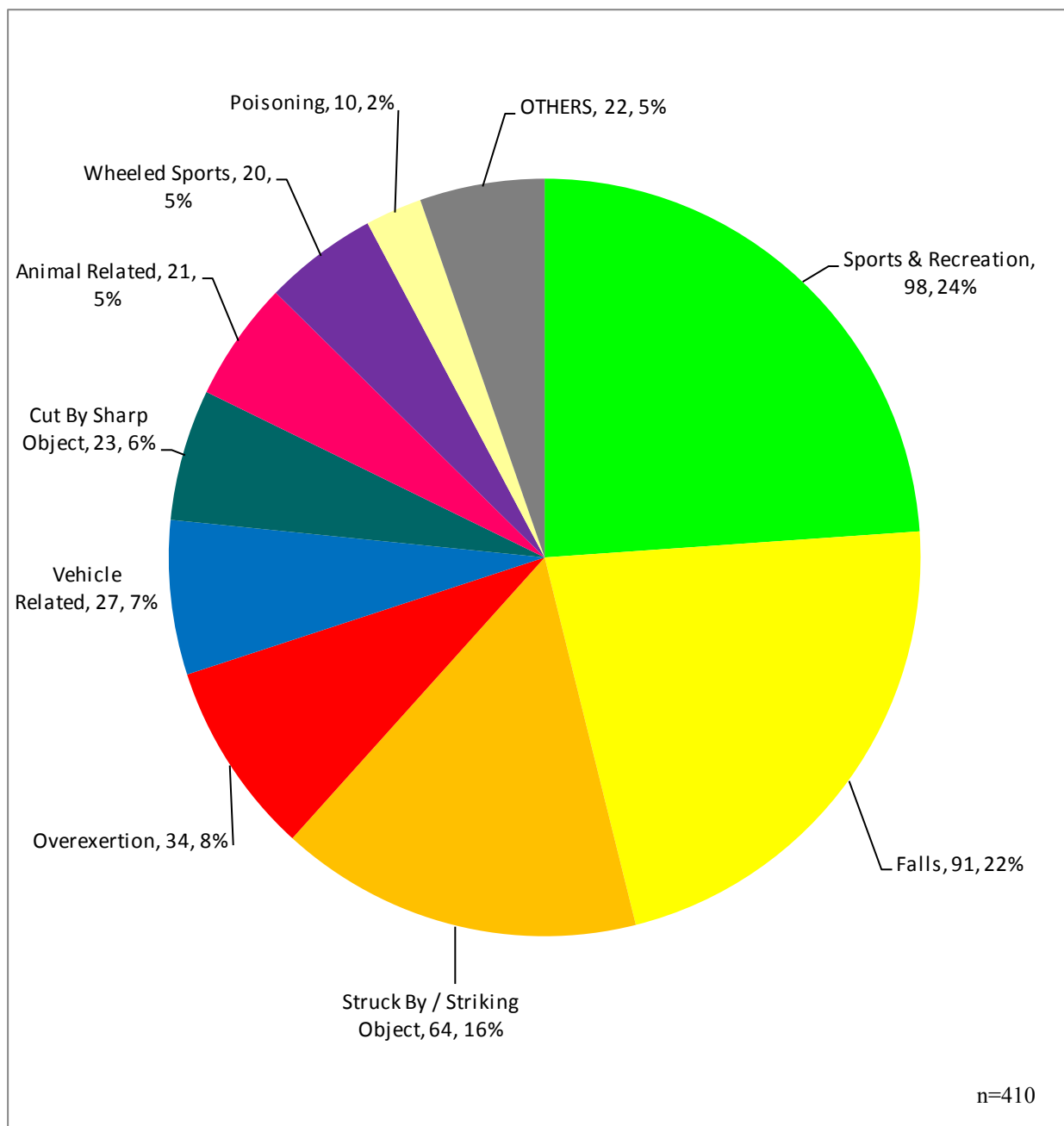
LEADING CAUSES OF INJURY - ALL FACILITIES

There were 410 children from the 44657, 44669 and 44670 zip codes treated between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

Cause of Injury	Number of Visits	Percent of Total Visits
Sports & Recreation	98	23.9%
Falls	91	22.2%
Struck By/ Striking Object	64	15.6%
Overexertion & Strenuous Movements	34	8.3%
Vehicle Related	27	6.6%
Cut By Sharp Object	23	5.6%
Animal Related	21	5.1%
Wheeled Sports	20	4.9%
Poisoning	10	2.4%
All Others Not In The Top 9 (Listed Above)	2	1.2%

LEADING CAUSES OF INJURY - ALL FACILITIES

2010 Leading Causes of Injury



1 - SPORTS & RECREATION

Sports & Recreation was the leading cause of injury. There were 98 children treated, accounting for 23.9%. 81.6% were treated at the Hospital ED.

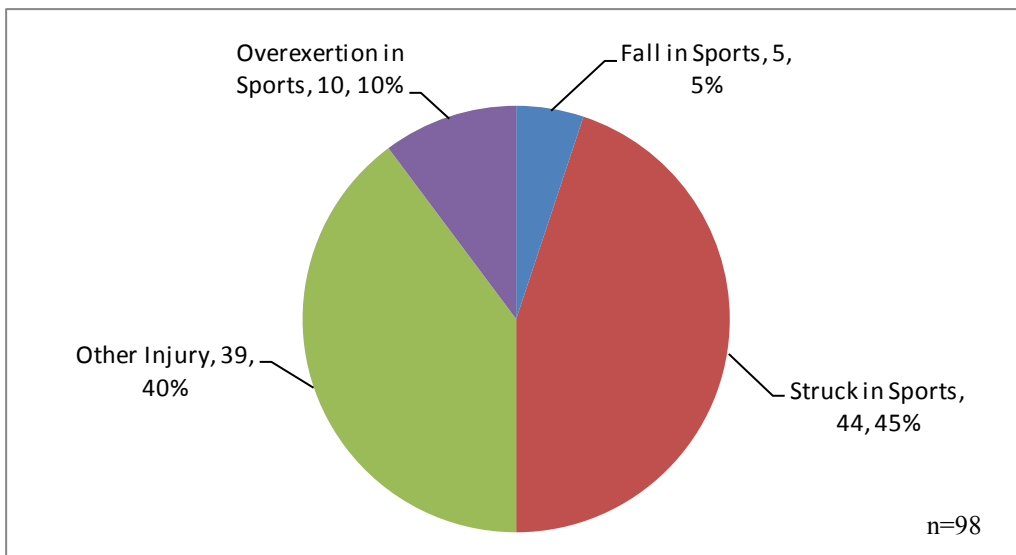
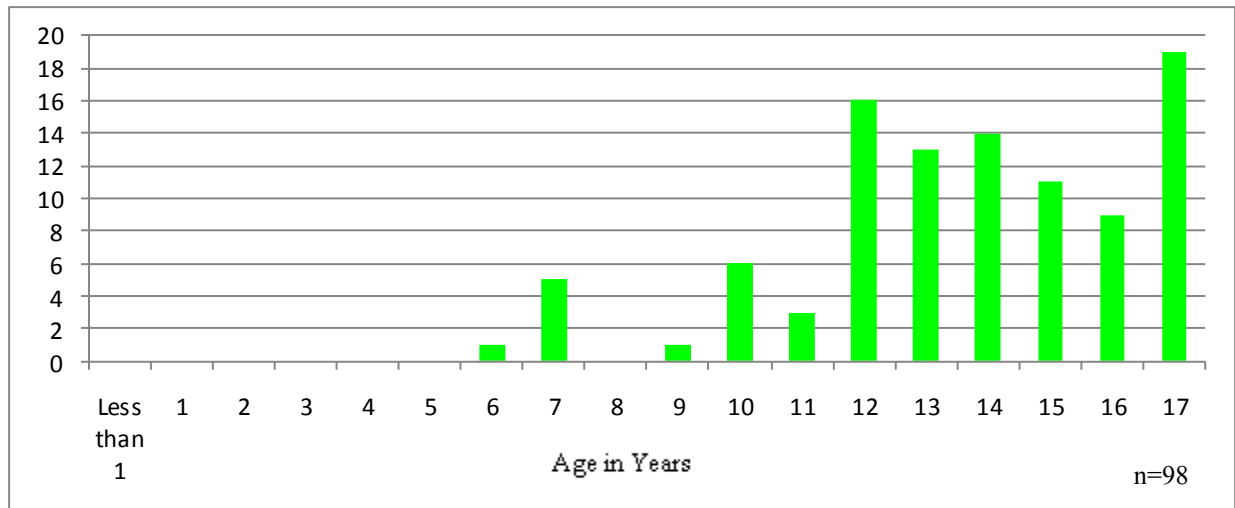
The most prevalent months were September and October with 16 visits each (16.3%).

Males accounted for 64 visits (65.3%) and females accounted for 34 visits (34.7%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	96	98.0%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	2	2%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	39	39.8%
Other	1	< 1%
Unknown	58	59.2%

Number of Children Treated By Age



2 - FALLS

Falls were the second leading cause of injury. There were 91 children treated, accounting for 22.2%. 93.4% were treated at the Hospital ED.

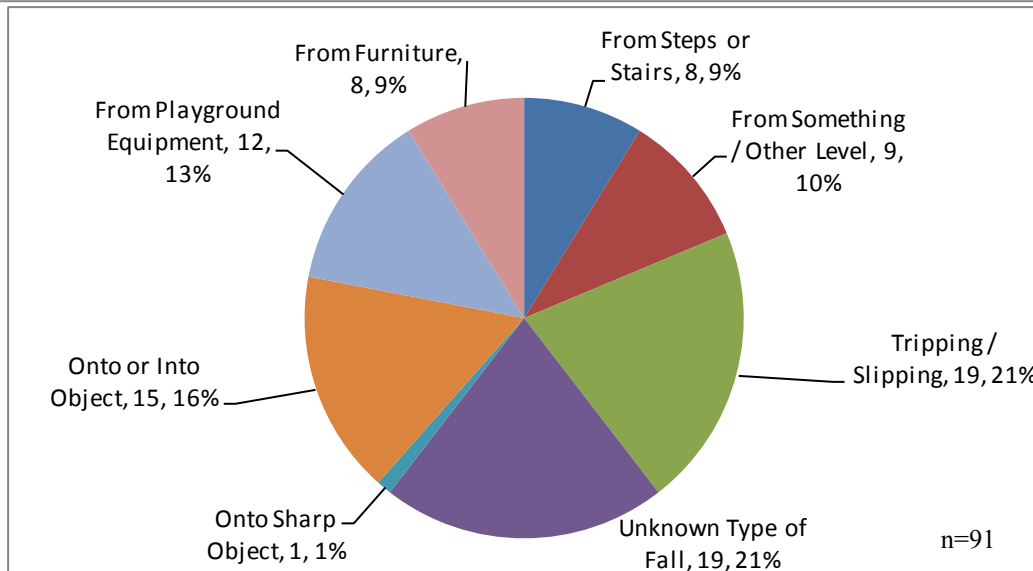
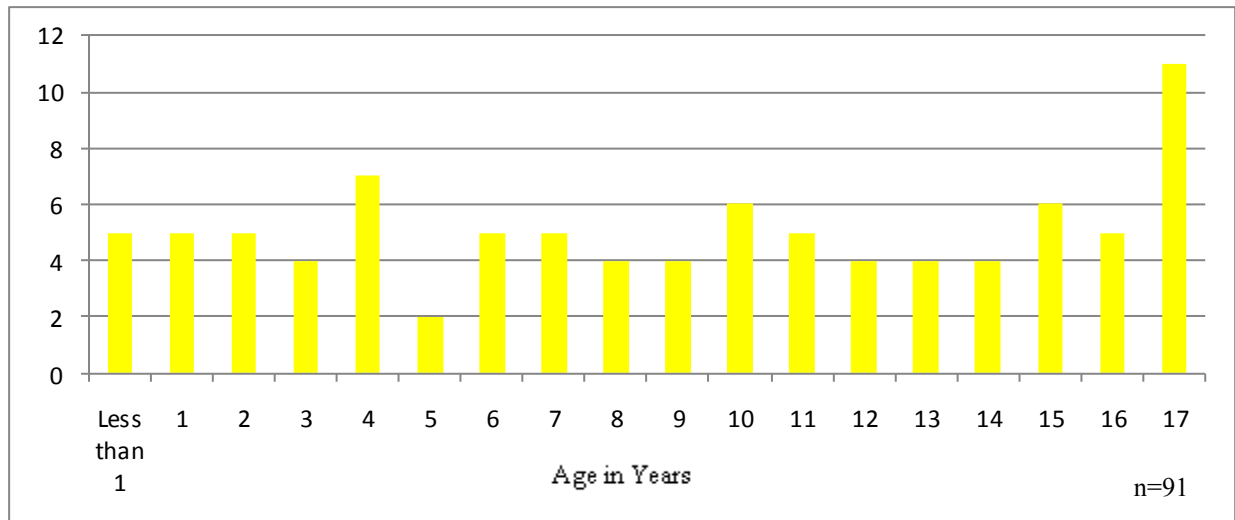
The most prevalent months were July and August with 12 visits each (13.2%).

Males accounted for 46 visits (50.5%) and females accounted for 45 visits (49.5%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	87	95.6%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	4	4.4%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	39	42.9%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	51	57.1%

Number of Children Treated By Age



3 - STRUCK BY / STRIKING OBJECT

Struck By / Striking Object was the third leading cause of injury. There were 64 children treated, accounting for 15.6%. 87.5% were treated at the Hospital ED.

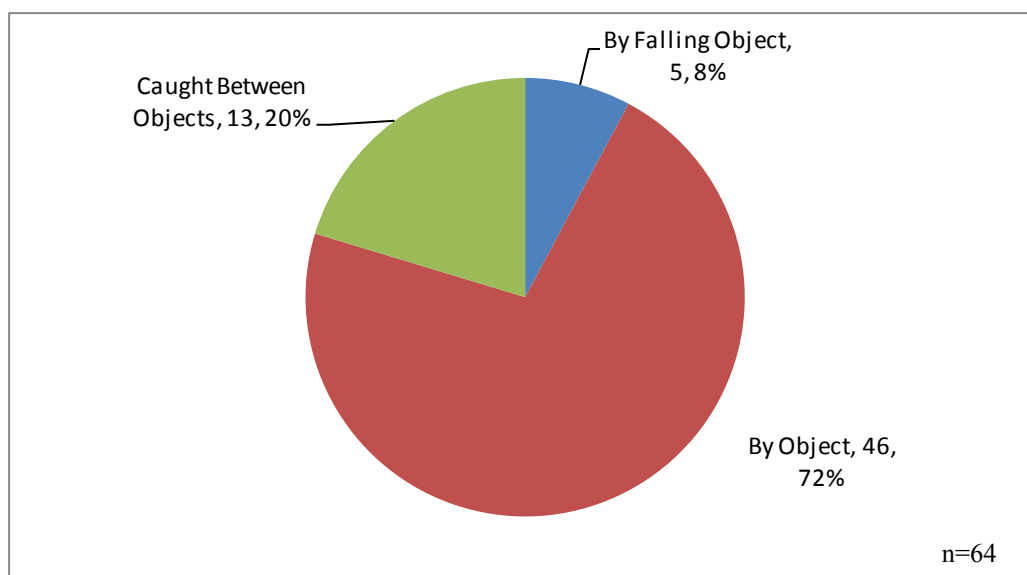
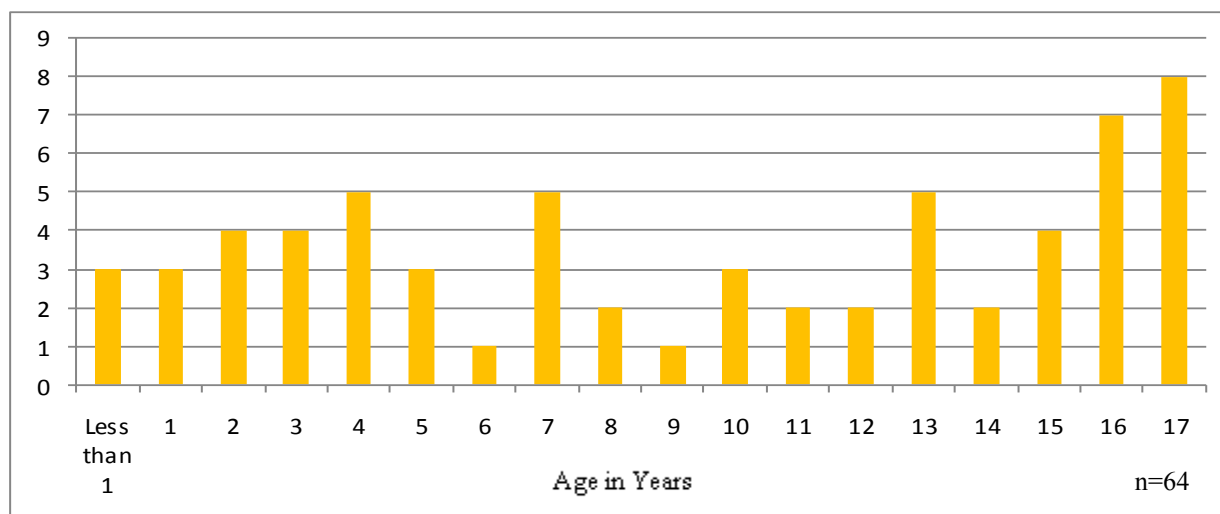
The most prevalent month was August with 15 visits (23.4%).

Males accounted for 37 visits (57.8%) and females accounted for 27 visits (42.2%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	64	100%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	0	0%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	27	42.2%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	37	57.8%

Number of Children Treated By Age



4 - OVEREXERTION & STRENUOUS MOVEMENTS

Overexertion & Strenuous Movements was fourth leading cause of injury. There were 34 children treated, accounting for 8.3%. 82.4% were treated at the Hospital ED.

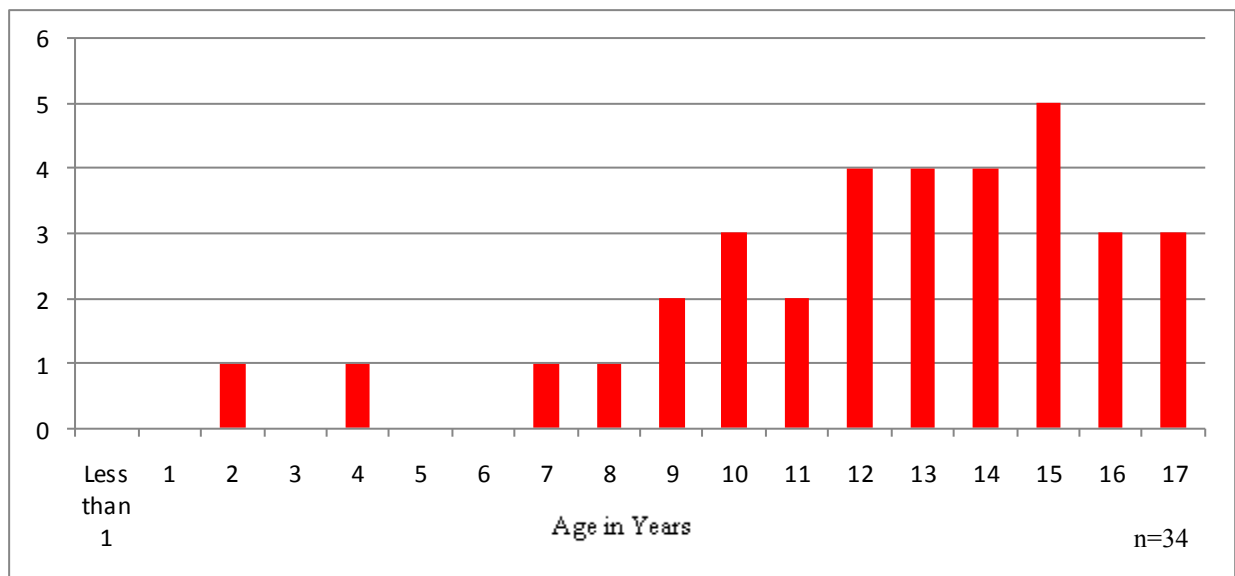
The most prevalent month was September with 7 visits (20.6%).

Males accounted 17 visits (50.0%) and females accounted for 17 visits (50.0%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	34	100%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	0	0%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	8	23.5%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	26	76.5%

Number of Children Treated By Age



An Overexertion & Strenuous Movement Injury includes a type of injury where the body is stressed beyond normal capabilities causing injury, primarily resulting in sprained joints, strained muscles and unknown pain and soreness.

5 - VEHICLE RELATED

Vehicle Related was the fifth leading cause of injury. There were 27 children treated, accounting for 6.6%. 96.3% were treated at the Hospital ED.

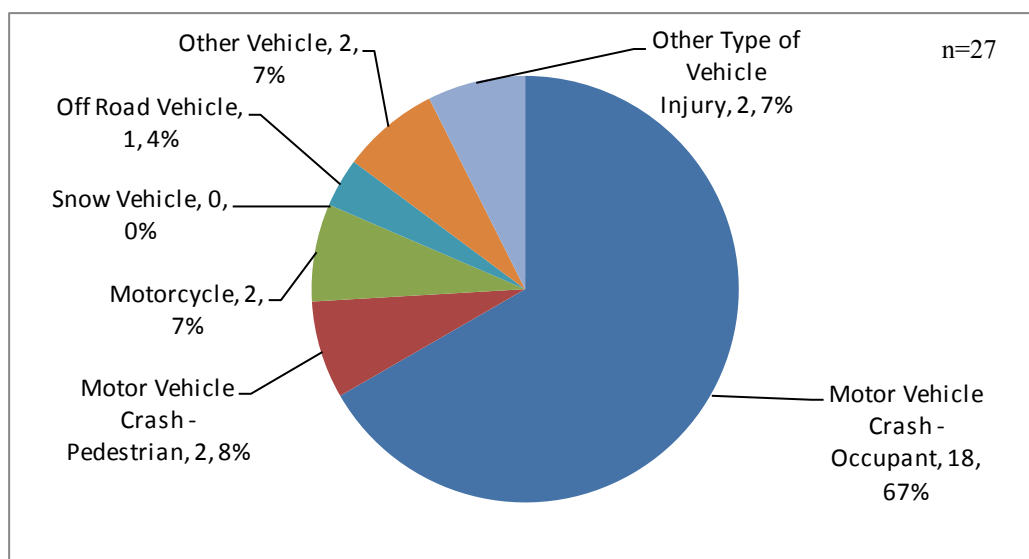
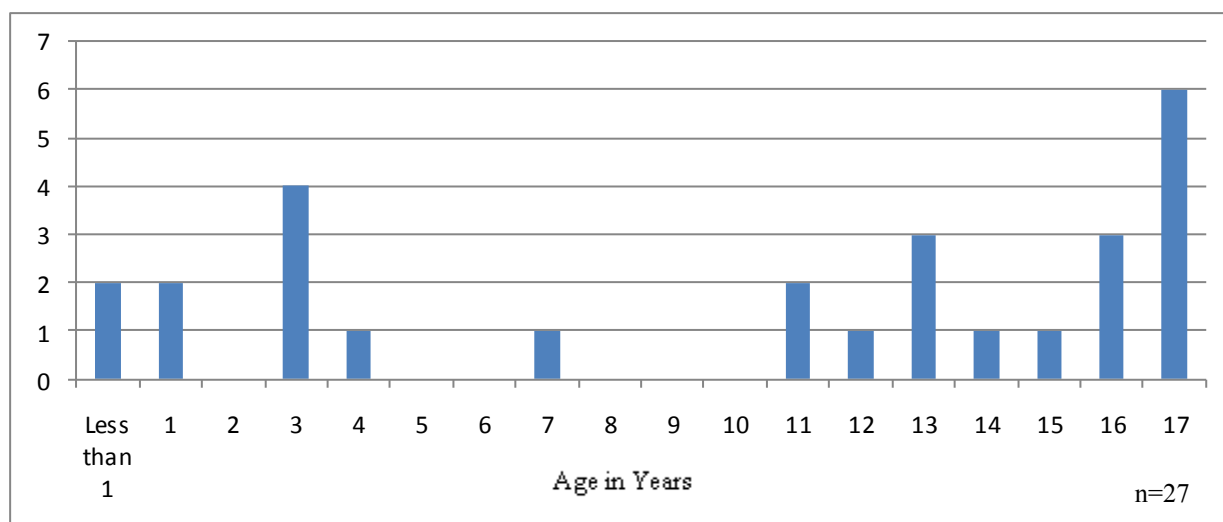
The most prevalent months were May and June with 4 visits each (14.8%).

Males accounted for 18 visits (66.7%) and females accounted for 9 visits (33.3%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	1	3.7%
Discharged	26	96.3%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	0	0%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	18	66.7%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	9	33.3%

Number of Children Treated By Age



6 - CUT BY SHARP OBJECT

Cut By Sharp Object was the sixth leading cause of injury. There were 23 children treated, accounting for 5.6%. 87.0% were treated at the Hospital ED.

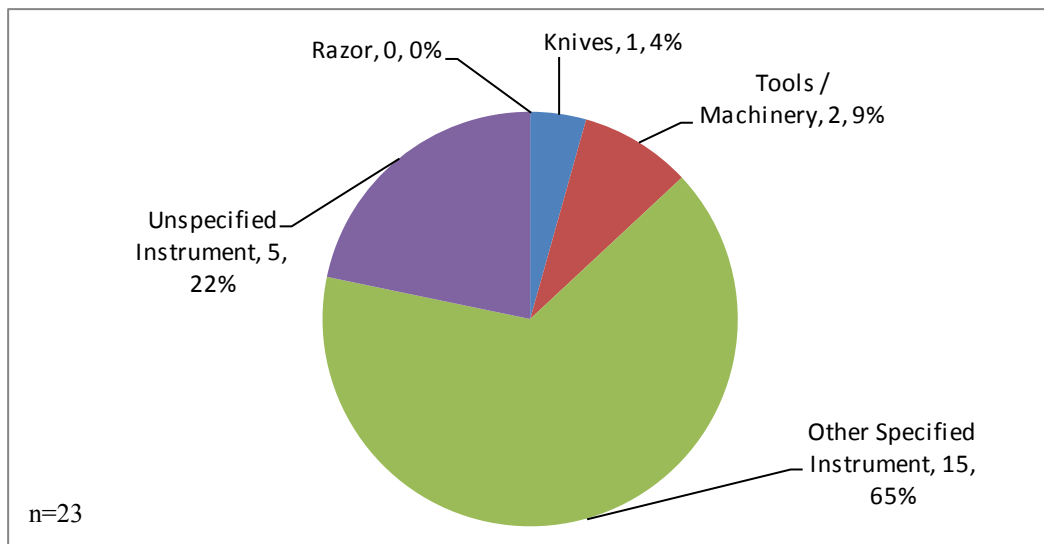
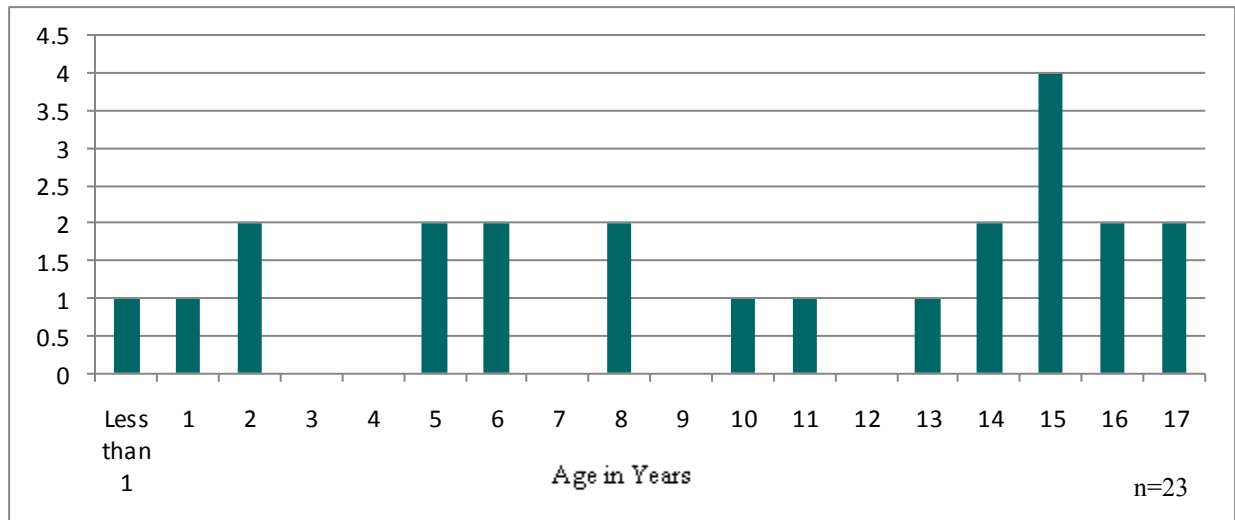
The most prevalent month was March with 4 visits (17.4%).

Males accounted for 15 visits (65.2%) and females accounted for 8 visits (34.8%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	23	100.0%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	0	0%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	12	52.2%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	11	47.8%

Number of Children Treated By Age



7 - ANIMAL RELATED

Animal Related was the seventh leading cause of injury. There were 21 children treated, accounting for 5.1%. 81.0% were treated at the Hospital ED.

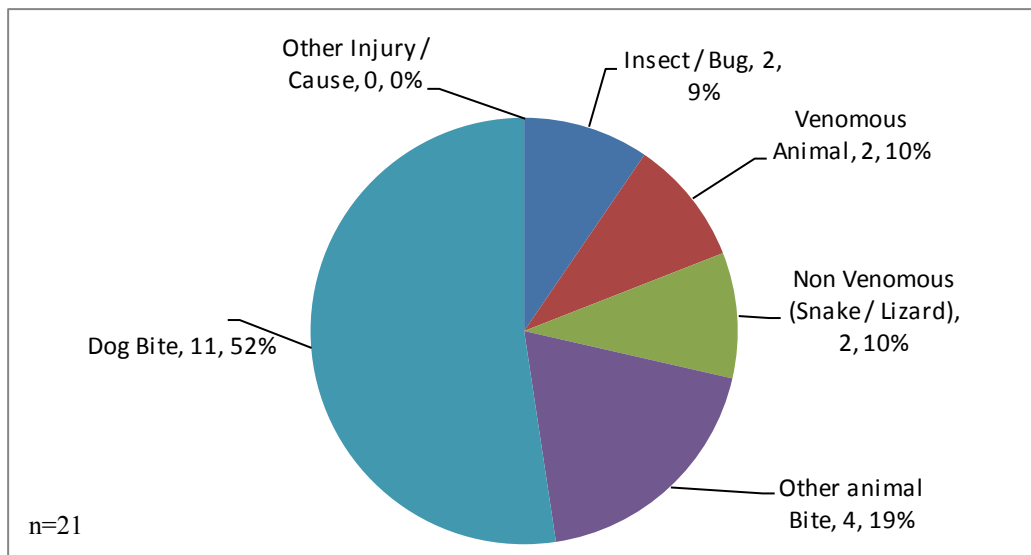
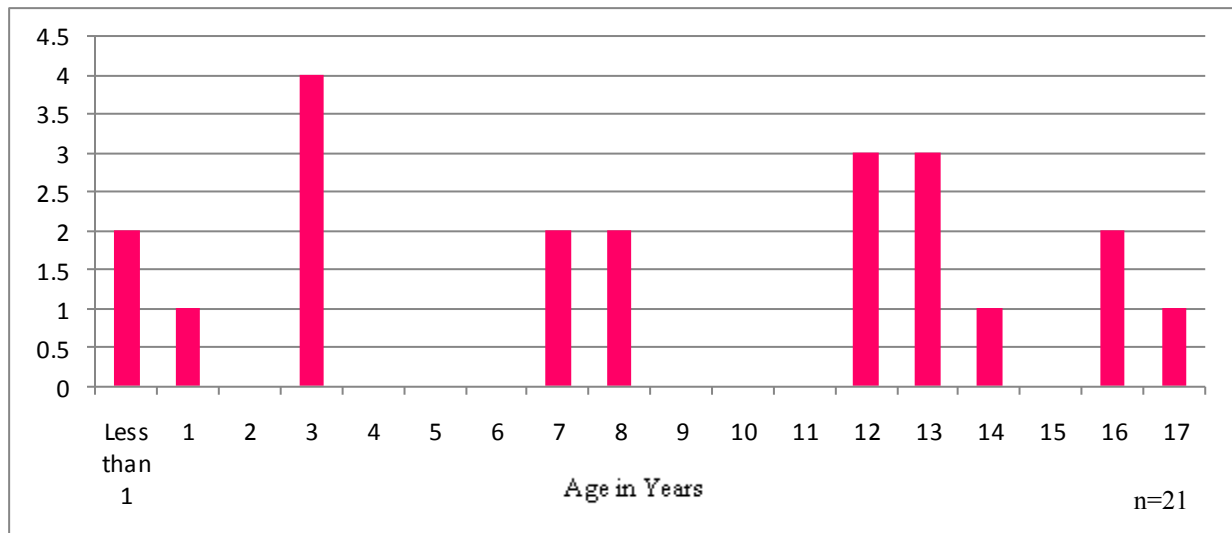
The most prevalent month was August with 8 visits (38.1%).

Males accounted 10 visits (47.6%) and females accounted for 11 visits (52.4%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	21	100%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	0	0%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	9	42.9%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	12	57.1%

Number of Children Treated By Age



8 - WHEELED SPORTS

Wheeled Sports was the eighth leading cause of injury. There were 20 children treated, accounting for 4.9%. 95.0% were treated at the Hospital ED.

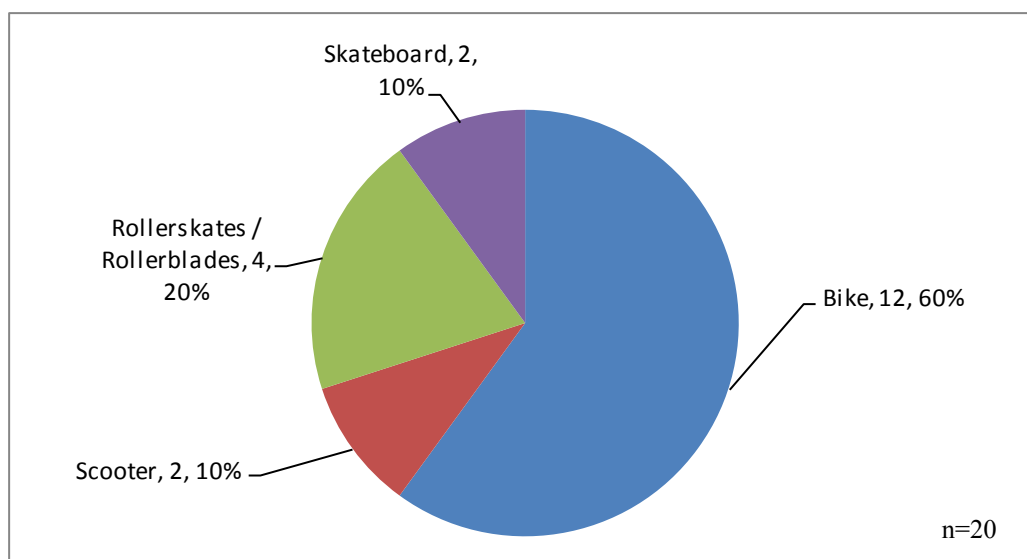
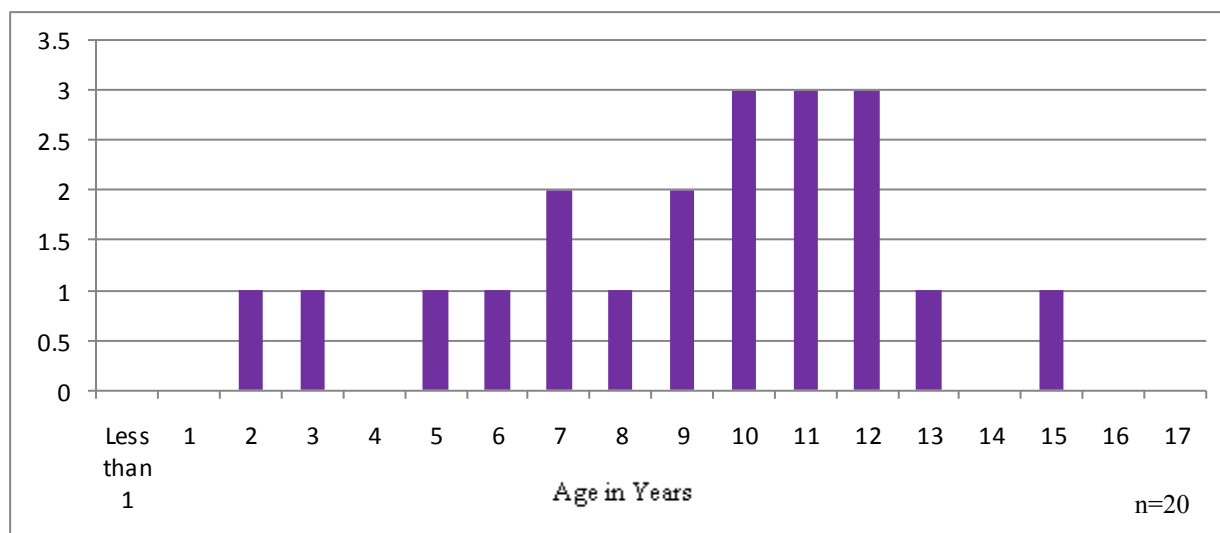
The most prevalent month was August with 6 visits (30.0%).

Males accounted for 13 visits (65.0%) and females accounted for 7 visits (35.0%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	20	100%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	0	0%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	7	35.0%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	13	65.0%

Number of Children Treated By Age



9 - POISONING

Poisoning was the ninth leading cause of injury for children. There were 10 children treated, accounting for 2.4%. 90.0% were treated at the Hospital ED.

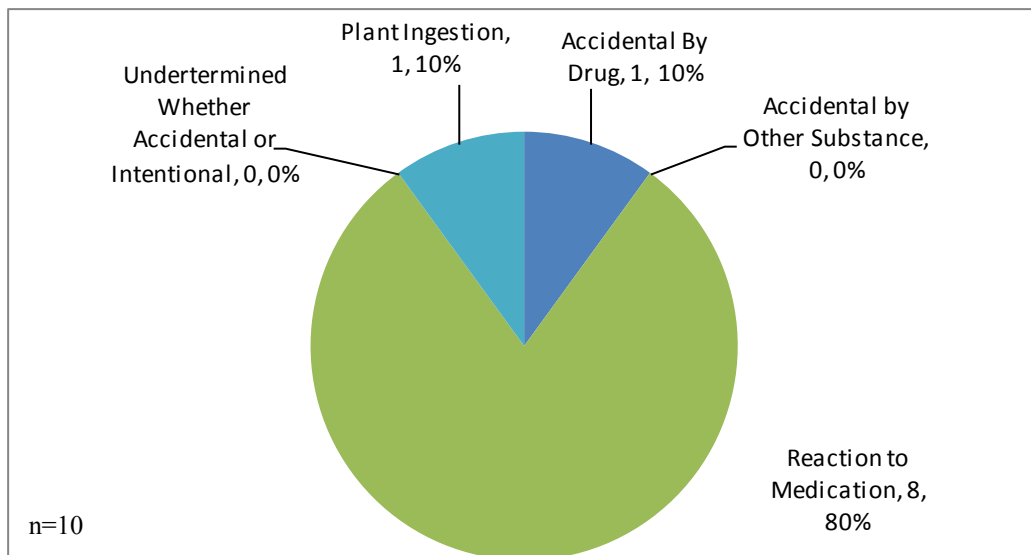
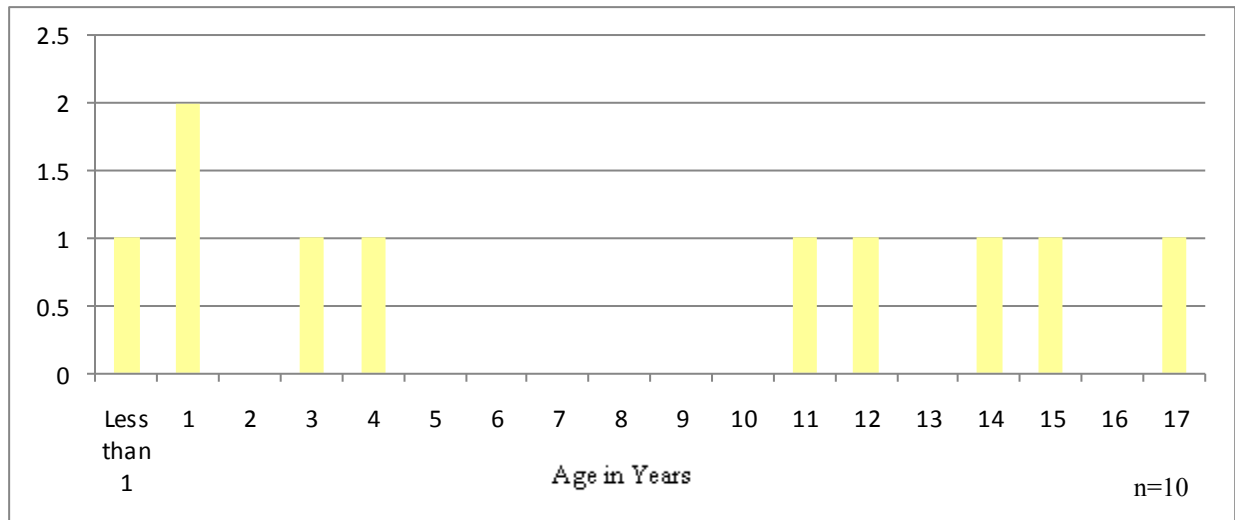
The most prevalent months were February, April & September with 2 visits each (20.0%).

Males accounted for 3 visits (30.0%) and females accounted for 7 visits (70.0%).

Disposition/ Outcome	#	%
Admitted	0	0%
Discharged	8	80.0%
Left AMA	0	0%
Transferred	2	20.0%

Race	#	%
African American	0	0%
Caucasian	6	60.0%
Other	0	0%
Unknown	4	40.0%

Number of Children Treated By Age



MINERVA AREA vs STARK COUNTY

Age	Minerva Area Ranking of Injury Rate	Stark County Ranking of Injury Rate
Less than 1	14th	18th
1	10th	1st
2	11th	2nd
3	8th	9th
4	12th	13th
5	18th	15th
6	16th	16th
7	9th	17th
8	15th	14th
9	17th	12th
10	7th	11th
11	13th	10th
12	4th	8th
13	2nd	5th
14	6th	3rd
15	5th	7th
16	3rd	4th
17	1st	6th

MINERVA AREA vs STARK COUNTY

Cause of Injury	Minerva Area Ranking	Stark County Ranking
Sports & Recreation	1st	2nd
Falls	2nd	1st
Struck By/ Striking Object	3rd	3rd
Overexertion & Strenuous Movements	4th	4th
Cut By Sharp Object	5th	5th
Vehicle Related	6th	6th
Animal Related	7th	8th
Wheeled Sports	8th	7th
Poisoning	9th	10th
Foreign Body	10th	12th
Generic Accident	11th	11th
Physical Harm	12th	9th
Burns	13th	13th
Attempted Suicide	14th	14th
Machinery	14th	15th
House Fire	16th	16th
Weather Related	16th	19th
Fire Arms	16th	17th
Water Related	16th	20th
Choking / Suffocation	16th	21st
Human Bites	16th	18th

MINERVA AREA vs STARK COUNTY

Cause of Injury (Top 9)	Minerva Area Percentage of Injuries	Stark County Percentage of Injuries
Sports & Recreation	23.9%	20.2%
Falls	22.2%	26.1%
Struck By/ Striking Object	15.6%	16.1%
Overexertion & Strenuous Movements	8.3%	7.0%
Vehicle Related	6.6%	5.8%
Cut By Sharp Object	5.6%	6.5%
Animal Related	5.1%	4.1%
Wheeled Sports	4.9%	5.1%
Poisoning	2.4%	1.9%

*Highlighted injuries indicate a higher percentage occurring
in the Minerva Area than in the county.*

OTHER CAUSES OF INJURY

While these injuries were not in the top 9, nor analyzed in this report, it is important to note them because they are injuries that are occurring in the 44657, 44669, 44670 zip codes.

CAUSE OF INJURY	NUMBER OF INJURIES
Foreign Body	7
Generic Accident	6
Physical Harm	4
Burns	3
Attempted Suicide	1
Machinery	1
Fire Related	0
Fire Arm	0
Weather	0
Human Bite	0
Water Related	0
Choking / Suffocation	0
TOTAL OTHER INJURIES	22

LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY BY AGE

AGE	TOTAL NUMBER OF INJURIES	LEADING CAUSE NUMBER/PERCENT	SECOND LEADING CAUSE NUMBER/PERCENT	THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY NUMBER/PERCENT
LESS THAN 1	14	Falls 5 or 35.7%	Struck By / Striking Object 3 or 21.4%	Vehicle Related and Animal Related 2 or 14.3%
1	15	Falls 5 or 33.3%	Struck By / Striking Object 3 or 20.0%	Vehicle Related and Poisoning 2 or 13.3%
2	15	Falls 5 or 33.3%	Struck By / Striking Object 4 or 26.7%	Foreign Body and Cut by Sharp Object 2 or 13.3%
3	20	Vehicle Related, Falls, Animal Related and Struck By / Striking Object 4 or 20.0%	Wheeled Sport, Poisoning, Foreign Body and Burns 1 or 5.0%	
4	15	Falls 7 or 46.7%	Struck By / Striking Object 5 or 33.3%	Vehicle Related, Poisoning and Overexertion 1 or 6.7%
5	8	Struck By / Striking Object 3 or 37.5%	Falls and Cut by Sharp Object 2 or 25.0%	Wheeled Sports 1 or 12.5%
6	10	Falls 5 or 50.0%	Cut by Sharp Object 2 or 20.0%	Wheeled Sports, Struck By / Striking Object and Sports & Recreation 1 or 10.0%
7	21	Sports & Recreation, Struck By / Striking Object and Falls 5 or 23.8%	Wheeled Sports and Animal Related 2 or 9.5%	Vehicle Related and Overexertion 1 or 2.8%
8	13	Falls 4 or 30.8%	Animal Related, Struck By / Striking Object, Cut by Sharp Object 2 or 15.4%	Wheeled Sports, Foreign Body and Overexertion 1 or 7.7%
9	10	Falls 4 or 40.0%	Wheeled Sports and Overexertion 2 or 20.0%	Struck By / Striking Object and Sports & Recreation 1 or 10.0%
10	23	Falls and Sports & Recreation 6 or 26.1%	Wheeled Sports, Struck By / Striking Object and Overexertion 3 or 13.0%	Cut by Sharp Object and Burns 1 or 4.3%
11	19	Falls 5 or 26.3%	Wheeled Sports and Sports & Recreation 3 or 15.8%	Vehicle Related, Struck By / Striking Object and Overexertion 2 or 10.5%
12	36	Sports & Recreation 16 or 44.4%	Falls and Overexertion 4 or 11.1%	Wheeled Sports and Animal Related 3 or 8.3%
13	38	Sports & Recreation 13 or 34.2%	Struck By / Striking Object 5 or 13.2%	Falls and Overexertion 4 or 10.5%
14	30	Sports & Recreation 14 or 46.7%	Falls and Overexertion 4 or 13.3%	Struck By / Striking Object and Cut By Sharp Object 2 or 6.7%
15	35	Sports & Recreation 11 or 31.4%	Falls 6 or 17.1%	Overexertion 5 or 14.3%
16	33	Sports & Recreation 9 or 27.3%	Struck By / Striking Object 7 or 21.2%	Falls 5 or 15.2%
17	55	Sports & Recreation 19 or 34.5%	Falls 11 or 20.0%	Struck By / Striking Object 8 or 14.6%

SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Seventeen year olds had the highest rate of injury in the Minerva area, but the 6th highest in the county.

One year olds had the 10th highest rate of injury in Minerva, but the highest in the county.

Sports and recreation was the leading cause of injury in the Minerva area, but the second in the county.

The following injuries occurred at a higher rate in the Minerva area, compared to all of Stark County:

- Sports and Recreation
- Overexertion and Strenuous Movements
- Vehicle Related
- Animal Related
- Poisoning

Sports and Recreation injuries are most prevalent after the age of 12 in the Minerva area.

Provide this report to community leaders in the Minerva area - including village administration, safety services, school administration and the YMCA.

Assist with the development of a Minerva Area Childhood Injury Task Force if interested.

Publish a follow up report for 2011 or 2012 to determine any injury trends.

SAFE KIDS INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Safe Kids Stark County was founded in 1992 to reduce unintentional injury and death among children 14 and under in Stark County. The Coalition conducts various safety programs and provides resources to members to conduct their own programs in their communities.

Child Passenger Safety

- Car Seat Distribution Program: Provides low-cost car seats to income eligible families through the local health departments. Over 2,600 seats have been distributed.
- Car Seat Inspections: Offers free car seat check ups throughout the county. Over 30 members are Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Over 3,200 seats have been checked.
- Car Seat Fitting Stations: Coordinates free weekly fitting stations at 5 agencies and refers to additional locations that take appointments. Over 2,800 seats have been checked.

Fire Safety

- Instilling Positive Fire Safety Reaction: Fire Safety Video produced by the Coalition which educates on how to evacuate a burning building.
- Smoke Detector & Battery Distribution: Provide smoke detectors and batteries to the community through various programs, in conjunction with local fire departments.
- Family Safety Education Trailer: Mobile classroom used by local fire departments to educate on fire safety, home hazards and weather safety.

Wheeled Sports

- Use Your Head, Wear A Helmet: Helmets are sold at cost to the community. Helmets and Educational Materials are distributed at community events. Helmets are provided to the county Emergency Departments for children treated for a head injury or wheeled sports injury. Over 1,800 helmets have been sold and donated.

Pedestrian Safety

- Walk This Way: Conduct pedestrian safety program at one elementary school each year. Program includes educational assembly stations and safety walk. Parent surveys are analyzed and results are provided to the school and community leaders. Over 5,500 children have been reached by this program.

Safe Kids Day

- A free interactive safety fair is conducted each year. Children have the opportunity to participate in safety activities (provided by community organizations) and received educational resources. Over 5,000 children have been reached by this program.

Sports Safety

- Provide free training to youth league coaches regarding injury prevention, recognition and treatment.

Injury Prevention Seminar

- Host annual Seminar for Physicians, Nurses, EMS Providers and other health care professionals. Topics have included general injury prevention and sports safety.

Other Areas

- Safe Kids is a clearinghouse for other injury risk areas. Information is provided at health fairs and community events. Parents, caregivers and community members are encouraged to call and request information from the Coalition and partner agencies.

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