Magnitude of Injuries: Fact Sheet

**THE HUMAN TOLL**

- Up to 95% of all injuries are both predictable and preventable.
- Preventable injuries are the leading killer of Canadians in the prime of their lives (one to 44 years old).
- More than 3 million residents of Canada are injured each year.
- Every hour of every day, 343 Canadians suffer a preventable injury.
- On average, more than 13,000 Canadians die and more than 200,000 are hospitalized every year.
- On a daily basis, over 9,300 Canadians are injured seriously enough to require medical attention. Of these, approximately 37 die, 580 are hospitalized and some 185 are left partially or totally disabled.
- More children die from injuries than all other causes.
- On average, 296 children (zero to 14 years) die from preventable injuries every year.
- On average seven people die every day due to a motor vehicle crash in Canada.

**FINANCIAL TOLL**

Preventable injuries cost the people of our country more than $16 billion annually.

The direct cost of preventable injuries in Canada is more than $9.4 billion. In addition to the direct costs, it is conservatively estimated that the indirect costs (loss of productivity) generated by preventable injuries are double that of the direct costs.
References


