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** = 142,541

**Cost of ED Visits**

- All injuries combined = $889 Million
  - Falls = $305 Million
  - TBI = $79 Million

**ED Visits per Day**

- 391 due to all injuries combined
  - 109 due to Falls
  - 35 due to TBI

**Prevention Tips**

**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