

What are Injuries?

Definition of an Injury

An injury is defined as physical harm or damage to the body and may result in a death. Injuries are caused by acute exposure to physical agents (e.g. mechanical force or energy heat, electricity, chemicals, and ionizing radiation) and/or a sudden lack of an essential substance (e.g. oxygen in the case of drowning) in amounts or at rates that exceed the threshold of human tolerance. See below for injury types and causes.



Injury Types and Causes (also called mechanisms and intents)

Unintentional Injury

Falls
Motor Vehicle Crashes
Poisonings
Drowning
Fire and Burns
Occupational Injury
Suffocation

Intentional Injury

Suicide
Homicide
Assault
Violence Against Women
Child Maltreatment
Elder Abuse

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