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State-specific Unintentional Injury Deaths — United States, 1999–2004
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Scientists prefer the term “unintentional injuries,” instead of “accidents,” because most of these injuries can be prevented or avoided. The causes of these injuries range from slipping and falling to crashes and fires. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death among people between 1 and 44 years old. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths. Twice as many males as females die as a result of unintentional injuries. Deaths reported from unintentional injuries have increased since 1999. Raising awareness about the causes of these injuries is key to preventing them and reducing the number deaths that result.

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