

Source: CDC, updated April 2012

Each year trauma accounts for **42 million** emergency department visits and **2.0 million** hospital admissions across the nation.

Life Years Lost* (2009, most recent available)

- Trauma injury accounts for 30% of all life years lost in the U.S.
- Cancer accounts for 16%
- Heart disease accounts for 12%
- HIV accounts for less than 2%
- Because trauma is a disease affecting people of all ages, its impact on life years lost is slightly greater than the life years lost from cancer, heart disease and HIV combined

Economic Burden (2000 data, most recent available)

- \$406 billion a year, including both health care costs and lost productivity

Deaths due to injury (2009, most recent available)

- 171,729 annually

Ranking as cause of death


- #1 for age group 1-44, or 47% of all deaths in this age range
- #3 as leading cause of death overall, across all age groups

Burns (2011, most recent available)

- 450,000 burn injuries require medical attention annually

Falls (2009, most recent available)

- Nearly one third of older adults experience a fall each year
- In 2009, over 8 million people were treated in emergency departments for nonfatal injuries related to falls; 2.2 million of these were in people aged over 65 years.
- In 2008, more than 19,700 people died of fall-related injuries; over 17,700 were 65 years or older.



* Life Years Lost: A measure to account for the age at which deaths occur, giving greater weight to deaths occurring at younger ages and lower weight to deaths occurring at older ages. The LYL (percentage of total) indicator measures the LYL due to a particular cause of death as a proportion of the total LYL lost due to premature mortality in the population.