Pedestrian Safety Fact Sheet (2013)

Fatalities
- 465 pedestrians ages 19 and under died in 2011 in motor vehicle crashes.\(^1\)
  - 51% of children who died while walking in 2011 were 15-19 years old.\(^1\)
  - 64% of children who died while walking were boys.\(^1\)

2000-2011 Pedestrian Fatalities and Death Rate Among Children Ages 19 and Under

Injuries
- In 2010, approximately 22,350 child pedestrians were nonfatally injured in motor vehicle-related incidents.\(^2\)

Additional Statistics
- In 2010, more than 80% of child pedestrian deaths occurred at non-intersection locations.\(^3\)
- The pedestrian death rate among teens is twice that of younger children.\(^4\)
- The maturity level of children under 10 years of age makes them less able to correctly gauge road dangers and puts them at greater risk for injury and death.\(^5\)
- Children in low-income, densely populated, urban residential areas are at a substantially higher risk of pedestrian-related injury.\(^5\) Children in lower-income neighborhoods are up to 5.7 times more likely to be injured as pedestrians than children in other neighborhoods.\(^6\)
- Children are especially vulnerable when stuck by heavier vehicles (such as SUVs and vans), which are associated with higher rates of severe injury and fatality than passenger cars.\(^7\)
- On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than other days of the year.\(^8\)
References

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