

Children's Health: Resource Collection

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Selected Resources on Children and Injuries

These compiled resources on children and injuries are part of the resource collection on children's health curated by the Global Health Education and Learning Incubator. Every child in the world has the right to a safe environment and to protection from injury and violence. Although these rights are enshrined in the landmark Convention on the Rights of the Child, hundreds of thousands of children still die from injuries or violence every year, and many more suffer in the aftermath of non-fatal injuries.

Everywhere in the world, children are exposed to different hazards and risks in their daily lives. The particular circumstances in which they live, however, differ greatly and shape the distribution of these vulnerabilities to injury. These selected resources introduce both unintentional and intentional injuries and violence. "Unintentional injuries" refer to things like traffic accidents, drowning, burns, poisonings, and falls. In contrast, "intentional injuries" refers to things like child abuse, armed violence, and suicide.

The multidisciplinary materials may be suitable for students at the undergraduate college and public health graduate school levels. Learning objectives and supporting materials will vary depending on how the material is used in a course. Brief annotations provide a cursory summary, and dated publications are listed in chronological order.

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Selected Resources – At a Glance

UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS	
	Topic Portal. Violence and Injury Prevention: Road Traffic Injuries. World Health Organization. http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/en .
	Report. World Report on Child Injury Prevention. World Health Organization 2008. http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/report-on-child-injury-prevention/en .
	Report. Global Report on Drowning: Preventing a Leading Killer. World Health Organization 2014. http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/global_report_drowning/en .
	Report. Rights of Way: Child Poverty and Road Traffic Injury in the SDGs. FIA Foundation, United Nations Children’s Fund 2016. https://www.childhealthinitiative.org/connect/publications/rights-of-way .
	Infographic. Ten Strategies for Keeping Children Safe on the Road. Decade of Action for Road Safety. Infographic. World Health Organization 2015. http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/2015/en .
	Fact Sheets. Accidents and Unintentional Injuries. Fact Sheets. World Health Organization 2017. http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/factsheets/all/en .
INTENTIONAL INJURIES, VIOLENCE, AND THEIR RISK FACTORS	
	Report. The Evidence for Violence Prevention Across the Lifespan and Around the World: Workshop Summary. The National Academies Press 2014. http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18399/the-evidence-for-violence-prevention-across-the-lifespan-and-around-the-world .
	Report. Hidden in Plain Sight: A Statistical Analysis of Violence Against Children. United Nations Children’s Fund 2014. https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_74865.html .
	Report. Preventing Suicide: A Global Imperative. World Health Organization 2014. http://www.who.int/mental_health/suicide-prevention/world_report_2014/en .
	Report. A Child is a Child: Protecting Children on the Move from Violence, Abuse and Exploitation. United Nations Children’s Fund 2017. https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_95956.html .
	Report. Emergency Within an Emergency: The Growing Epidemic of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Migrant Children in Greece. FXB Center for Health & Human Rights at Harvard University 2017. https://fxb.harvard.edu/new-report-emergency-within-an-emergency-exploitation-of-migrant-children-in-greece .
	Article Series. Violence Against Women and Girls. The Lancet 2014. http://www.thelancet.com/series/violence-against-women-and-girls .
	Article Series. Bullying. The Lancet Psychiatry 2015. http://www.thelancet.com/series/bullying .
	Article Series. Substance Use in Young People. The Lancet Psychiatry 2016. http://www.thelancet.com/series/adolescent-substance-misuse .
	Brief. HIV and Young People Who Inject Drugs. United Nations Population Fund 2015. http://www.unfpa.org/publications/hiv-and-young-people-who-inject-drugs .

Annotated Bibliography

UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS

Violence and Injury Prevention: Road Traffic Injuries

Topic Portal. Violence and Injury Prevention: Road Traffic Injuries. World Health Organization. http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/en.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11308>

This topic portal features recent resources about violence and injury prevention, including reports, data, news, and key facts. There are subpages dedicated to [violence](#), [road traffic injuries](#), [child injuries and violence](#), [care and services](#), [injury-related disability and rehabilitation](#), [national policies](#), and [capacity building](#).

World Report on Child Injury Prevention

Report. World Report on Child Injury Prevention. World Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund 2008. http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/report-on-child-injury-prevention/en.

This report synthesizes research and identifies gaps in global knowledge on unintentional injuries.

Unintentional injuries include burns, road traffic injuries, falls, poisonings, and drowning. It contextualizes injuries with other health concerns, and outlines the fundamentals of child injury protection.

Global Report on Drowning: Preventing a Leading Killer

Report. Global Report on Drowning: Preventing a Leading Killer. World Health Organization 2014.

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/global_report_drowning/en.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/10984>

This report focuses on drowning, which is among the 10 leading causes of death for children and young people in every region of the world and which kills 372,000 people worldwide each year. The report sets out the evidence showing a range of effective drowning prevention strategies, and makes a number of recommendations for concrete measures to be taken by national and local governments. With the release of this report, the World Health Organization aims to galvanize attention and action to this issue by highlighting how collaboration across sectors can save lives. Learn more by reading the [executive summary](#), exploring an [infographic](#), or watching a [video](#).

Rights of Way: Child Poverty and Road Traffic Injury in the SDGs

Report. Rights of Way: Child Poverty and Road Traffic Injury in the SDGs. FIA Foundation, United Nations Children's Fund 2016. <https://www.childhealthinitiative.org/connect/publications/rights-of-way>.

This report examines the impact of road traffic injuries on families living in poverty in low- and middle-income countries. The report calls for global policy response in protecting vulnerable road users and providing a safe and healthy journey to and from school for every child.

Ten Strategies for Keeping Children Safe on the Road

Infographic. Ten Strategies for Keeping Children Safe on the Road. Decade of Action for Road Safety.

Infographic. World Health Organization 2015. <http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/2015/en>.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11392>

This set of graphics describes the World Health Organization's package of 10 key strategies for keeping children safe on the road. The Third UN Global Road Safety Week, held in May 2015, focused on the plight of children on the world's roads and featured governments, international agencies, civil society organizations, and private companies. Users can access [PDF](#) and [PowerPoint](#) slide presentations from related events for policymakers and other stakeholders.

Accidents and Unintentional Injuries

Fact Sheets. Accidents and Unintentional Injuries. Fact Sheets. World Health Organization 2017.

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/factsheets/all/en.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11186>

These fact sheets provide information on the health outcomes and broader consequences of accidents and unintentional injuries. Individual fact sheets are available for [animal bites](#), [burns](#), [drowning](#), [falls](#), and [road traffic injuries](#).

INTENTIONAL INJURIES, VIOLENCE, AND THEIR RISK FACTORS

The Evidence for Violence Prevention Across the Lifespan and Around the World: Workshop Summary

Report. The Evidence for Violence Prevention Across the Lifespan and Around the World: Workshop Summary. The National Academies Press 2014. <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18399/the-evidence-for-violence-prevention-across-the-lifespan-and-around-the-world>.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11025>

This report examines how evidence for violence prevention can continue to be expanded, disseminated, and implemented. The report summarizes a workshop convened in January 2013 by the Institute of Medicine's Forum on Global Violence Prevention to explore value and application of the evidence for violence prevention across the lifespan and around the world. Since part of the Forum's mandate is to engage in multisectoral, multidirectional dialogue that explores crosscutting approaches to violence prevention, this workshop examined how existing evidence for violence prevention can continue to be expanded, disseminated, and implemented in ways that further the ultimate aims of improved individual well-being and safer communities.

Hidden in Plain Sight: A Statistical Analysis of Violence Against Children

Report. Hidden in Plain Sight: A Statistical Analysis of Violence Against Children. United Nations Children's Fund 2014. https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_74865.html.

This report examines the prevalence of different forms of violence against children, with global figures and data from 190 countries. This report disaggregates data by age and sex where relevant, shedding light on how violence undermines children's future potential and their health and wellbeing.

Preventing Suicide: A Global Imperative

Report. Preventing Suicide: A Global Imperative. World Health Organization 2014.

http://www.who.int/mental_health/suicide-prevention/world_report_2014/en.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/10983>

This report aims to increase awareness of the public health significance of suicide and suicide attempts. It seeks to make suicide prevention a higher priority on the global public health agenda, and to encourage and support countries to develop or strengthen comprehensive suicide prevention strategies in a multi-sectoral public health approach. Suicides are preventable. Even so, every 40 seconds a person dies by suicide somewhere in the world and many more attempt suicide. Suicides occur in all regions of the world and throughout the lifespan. Notably, among young people 15-29 years of age, suicide is the second leading cause of death globally. This report proposes practical guidance on strategic actions that governments can take on the basis of their resources and existing suicide prevention activities.

A Child is a Child: Protecting Children on the Move from Violence, Abuse and Exploitation

Report. A Child is a Child: Protecting Children on the Move from Violence, Abuse and Exploitation. United Nations Children's Fund 2017. https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_95956.html.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11541>

This report focuses on the dangers faced by displaced and refugee children and adolescents, millions of whom are on the move across international borders fleeing violence and conflict, disaster or poverty, or in pursuit of a better life. With few safe and legal routes to take on their journeys, unaccompanied children fall prey to

smugglers and other illegitimate means of transport, which increases their risks of violence, abuse, exploitation, and trafficking. Despite protections in place through the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international treaties, displaced children are often trapped in bureaucratic limbo as receiving nations become overwhelmed by the influx of refugees and asylum-seekers. This report outlines policies and recommends strategies to ensure the protection of these vulnerable children.

Emergency Within an Emergency: The Growing Epidemic of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Migrant Children in Greece

Report. Emergency Within an Emergency: The Growing Epidemic of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Migrant Children in Greece. FXB Center for Health & Human Rights at Harvard University 2017.

<https://fxb.harvard.edu/new-report-emergency-within-an-emergency-exploitation-of-migrant-children-in-greece>.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11540>

This report explores the current dangers facing migrant and displaced children in Greece. It identifies patterns of abuse and exploitation among children as young as 11, exacerbated by the absence of any sort of child protection system. The report examines factors and circumstances that place children at risk for exposure to long-term sexual exploitation. It contains testimonies by such children, as well as detailed recommendations for policies and reforms to address these issues.

Violence Against Women and Girls

Article Series. Violence Against Women and Girls. The Lancet 2014. <http://www.thelancet.com/series/violence-against-women-and-girls>.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11117>

This Lancet Series shows that violence against women and girls is preventable. Abuse takes many forms, including intimate physical and sexual partner violence, female genital mutilation, child and forced marriage, sex trafficking, and rape. Five papers cover the evidence base for interventions, discuss the vital role of the health sector in care and prevention, show the need for men and women to be involved in effective programs, provide practical lessons from experience in countries, and present a call for action with five key recommendations and indicators to track progress. Series papers include:

- [Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls: What Does the Evidence Say?](#)
- [The Health-Systems Response to Violence Against Women](#)
- [From Work With Men and Boys to Changes of Social Norms and Reduction of Inequities in Gender Relations: A Conceptual Shift in Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls](#)
- [Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls: Lessons from Practice](#)
- [Addressing Violence Against Women: A Call to Action](#)

Bullying

Article Series. Bullying. The Lancet Psychiatry 2015. <http://www.thelancet.com/series/bullying>.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11125>

This Lancet Series looks at the nature and mental health consequences of bullying, and ways in which clinicians and researchers might address the problem. It explores whether bullying is part of a "normal" childhood, or whether it is a damaging behavior that health professionals can and should try to prevent. Series papers and articles include:

- [Bullying in the Family: Sibling Bullying](#)
- [Bullying by Peers in Childhood and Effects on Psychopathology, Suicidality, and Criminality in Adulthood](#)
- [Adult Mental Health Consequences of Peer Bullying and Maltreatment in Childhood: Two Cohorts in Two Countries](#)
- [Bullying Victimization and Risk of Psychotic Phenomena: Analyses of British National Survey Data](#)

Substance Use in Young People

Article Series. Substance Use in Young People. The Lancet Psychiatry 2016.

<http://www.thelancet.com/series/adolescent-substance-misuse>.

GHELI repository link: <http://repository.gheli.harvard.edu/repository/11132>

This Lancet Series examines the increasing global problem of substance use among young people, looking at the clinical and epidemiological picture as well as exploring the knowledge regarding prevention, early intervention, harm reduction, and treatment. The use of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs during adolescence carries potential short- and long-term impacts on physical, mental, and social wellbeing. Series papers include:

- [The Increasing Global Health Priority of Substance Use in Young People](#)
- [Why Young People's Substance Use Matters For Global Health](#)
- [Prevention, Early Intervention, Harm Reduction, And Treatment of Substance Use in Young People](#)

HIV and Young People Who Inject Drugs

Brief. HIV and Young People Who Inject Drugs. United Nations Population Fund 2015.

<http://www.unfpa.org/publications/hiv-and-young-people-who-inject-drugs>.

This brief provides current knowledge concerning the HIV risk and vulnerability of young people who inject drugs. It also summarizes barriers young people face to access appropriate services, provides examples of promising programs that acknowledge youth needs and their rights, and offers strategies and recommendations for providing services that build on the strengths and capacities of young people who inject drugs.