

## PEDESTRIAN INJURIES

Pedestrian injury is the second leading cause of accidental death among children ages 5 to 14. Every year, more than 580 child pedestrians ages 14 and under die as a result of accidental pedestrian injuries and more than 35,000 emergency room visits by children ages 14 and under are for pedestrian injuries .

- ❑ Approximately 70 percent of child pedestrian fatalities involve motor vehicle crashes.
- ❑ Children ages 4 and under account for 45 percent of pedestrian deaths.
- ❑ Children are more likely to suffer pedestrian injuries in areas with high traffic volume, more parked vehicles on the street, higher posted speed limits, no divided highways, few pedestrian control devices and few alternative play areas.
- ❑ Nearly 10 percent of all childhood pedestrian injuries occur in driveways. A fenced play area, physically separated from residential driveways, could reduce the risk of pedestrian injuries in driveways by 50 percent.

