

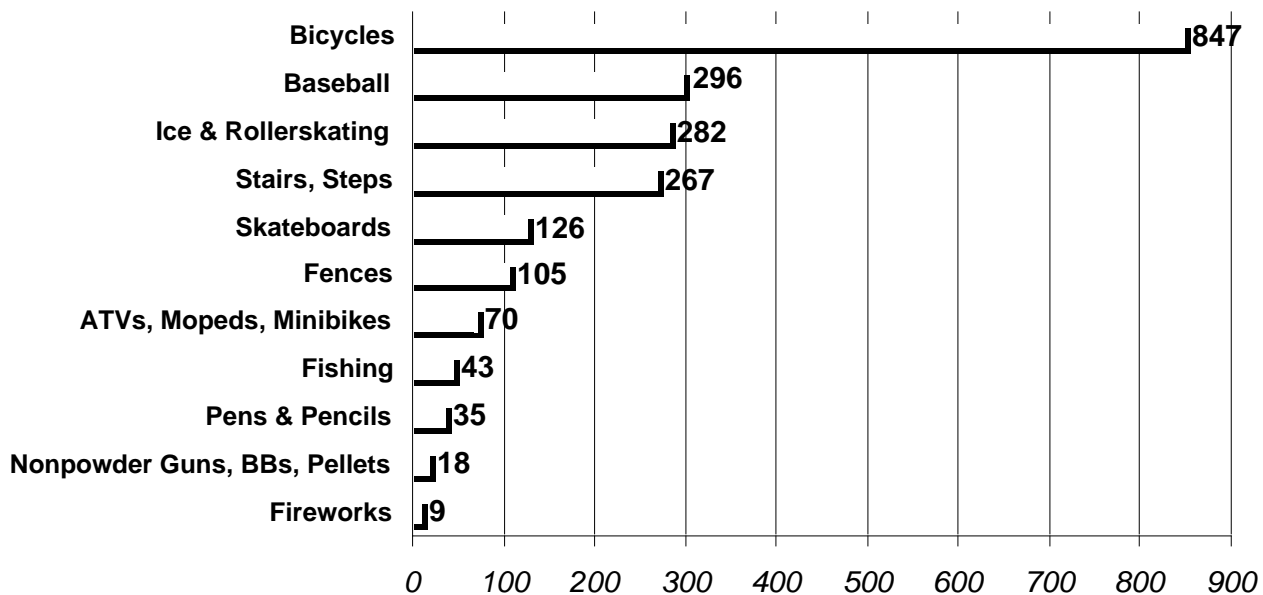
Injuries to Children Ages 5 – 14

Children from age 5 to 14 are very adventuresome and experimental, and they are likely to take risks in many of their activities. This age group is the one that is most frequently involved in fireworks-related injuries, pointing out the need for close adult supervision of all fireworks activities as well as the need for safety education campaigns specifically targeted for this age group.

However, fireworks are **not** the only consumer item or activity for which this age group occasionally requires medical attention. Many other products are associated with more injuries than fireworks. Data collected by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) indicate the extent to which various age groups incur product-related injuries in numerous categories, including fireworks.

Figures for various activities (from the 2000 CPSC Injury Surveillance Report) are given below in terms of estimated number of injuries per 100,000 children in the age of 5 to 14 category. Fireworks is the **only** category for which prohibition, instead of education and adult supervision, is often urged.

Estimated Emergency Room Treatments per 100,000 Youths (Ages 5-14)¹



¹ Based on 2000 Estimated Resident U.S. Population, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census