Home-Related Head Injuries

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In 2009, an estimated 1.5 million people were treated at U.S. hospital emergency rooms for head injuries related to common products found inside the home. The following products are the top 20 categories contributing to the most head injuries. Thousands of additional head injuries are related to outside the house, such as driveways, porches, and workshops (not included in these statistics). Many injuries can be avoided by removing potential hazards inside the home. Secure rugs and loose electrical cords, put away toys and other products, supervise children, use safety gates, install window guards and night lights. Install grab bars and handrails if you are frail or elderly.

Top 20 Home-Related Head Injuries by Product

	Product Category	Estimated Injuries
1.	Floors or Flooring Materials	379,049
2.	Stairs or Steps	166,960
3.	Beds or Bedframes (other or not specified)	147,052
4.	Tables (not classified elsewhere)	92,425
5.	Ceilings and Walls (completed structure)	86,170
6.	Chairs (other or not specified)	75,593
7.	Bathtubs or Showers	48,972
8.	Cabinets, Racks, Room Dividers and Shelves	48,022
9.	Baby Products (all baby categories combined)	43,287
10.	Doors (other or not specified)	41,097
11.	Sofas, Couches, Davenports, Divans	39,016
12.	Desks, Chests, Bureaus or Buffets	35,040
13.	Rugs or Carpets (not specified)	25,209
14.	Toilets	18,578
15.	Toys (all toy categories combined)	17,924
16.	Door Sills or Frames	16,340
17.	Counters or Countertops	15,980
18.	Televisions	12,449
19.	Bunk Beds	10,962
20.	Footwear	10,155

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