

INJURY IN WA

ABORIGINAL PEOPLE HAD **2.6 TIMES** AS MANY INJURY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS COMPARED WITH NON-ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

227,000
INJURY EVENTS

– that's an emergency room presentation, hospitalisation or death

77.3%

of injury events resulted in emergency department presentations



ALCOHOL WAS INVOLVED IN 17.5% OF FATALITIES,

and 32% of emergency department presentations

The injury rate was highest in the **85+ years age group**

THE TOTAL COST OF INJURY EVENTS WAS **\$9.6 BILLION**



TOP THREE FATAL INJURIES were **falls** (455 fatalities), **self-harm** (339 fatalities) and **transport** (191 fatalities)



MALES ACCOUNTED FOR **59.7% OF INJURY EVENTS**



>3 Western Australians die each day from injuries

RATES OF INJURY WERE **HIGHER IN REGIONAL WA,** with the Kimberley, Wheatbelt and Goldfields having rates more than **2x those in the metropolitan region**

Injury in WA is rising

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