

# Pedestrian Injuries

## Why Is This Important?

Pedestrians are any person not riding in or on a motor vehicle, train, bicycle, animal-drawn or other vehicle at the time of injury. Pedestrians are vulnerable given their lack of protection if struck by a vehicle. After motor vehicle collisions, bicycling, and off-road vehicles, pedestrian injuries account for the fourth highest transport related costs in Canada.

Low socio-economic status is associated with child pedestrian injury rates. Increased speeds of traffic, more streets to cross on the way to school and walking unaccompanied to school have been cited as contributing factors to higher injury rates among children living in lower socio-economic areas. Click [here](#) for information on health equity.

## What Is Being Done?

[Silhouettes for Safety](#) program in school zones

[Pedestrian Safety](#) information from the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute

[Saskatoon Active Transportation Plan](#)

## To Learn More:

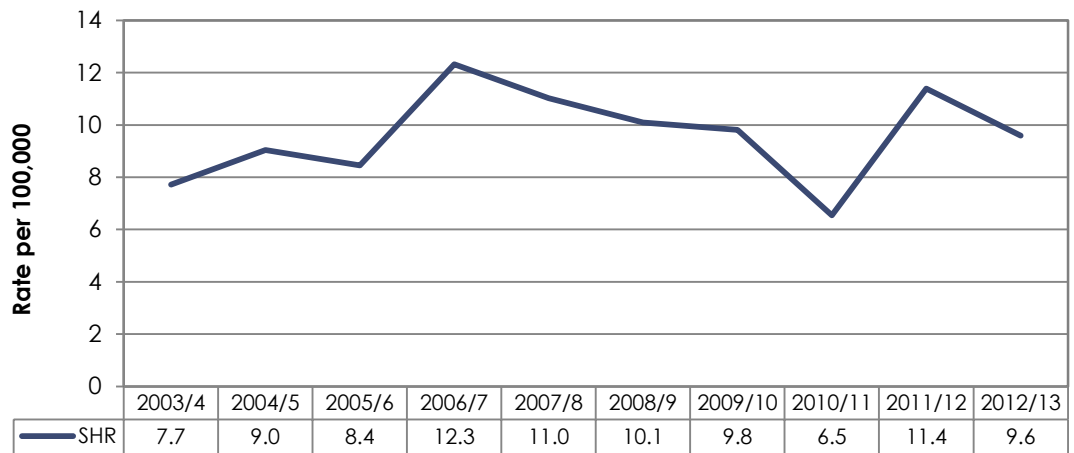
Chief Medical Health Officer's [Call to Action](#)

## Highlights

### Pedestrian injury hospitalization rates have been relatively stable over time.

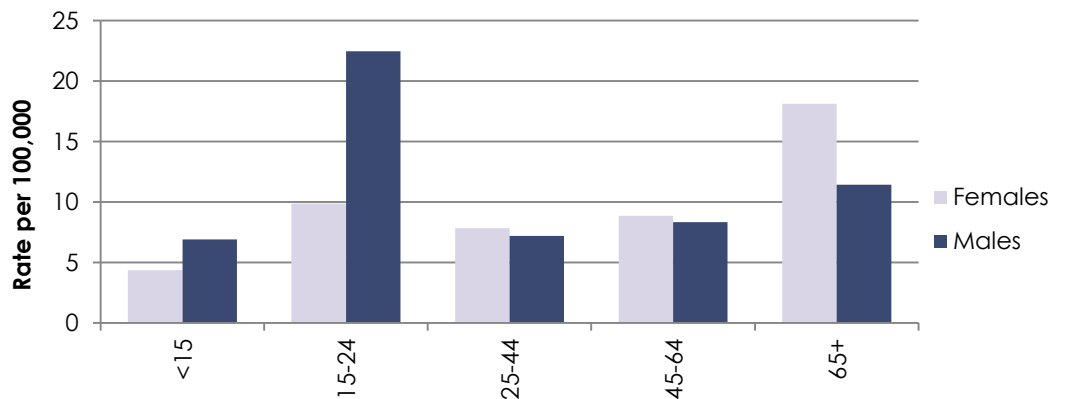
- The total number of hospitalizations due to injuries sustained by pedestrians was 32 for a rate of 9.6 per 100,000 in 2012/13 (*Figure 1*).
- Pedestrian injury hospitalization rates vary by age group. Between 2008 and 2013, 15 to 24 year old males and females 65 and older had the highest hospitalization rates for pedestrian injuries (*Figure 2*).
- Pedestrian injury hospitalization rates vary by sub-group. Click [here](#) to see rates by geographic area and socio-economic status.

**Figure 1: Age Sex Standardized Pedestrian Injury Hospitalization Rates, Saskatoon Health Region, 2003/04 to 2012/13**



Source: Saskatchewan Ministry of Health

**Figure 2: Pedestrian Injury Hospitalization Rates, Sex and Age Group, Saskatoon Health Region, 2008/09 to 2012/13 Combined**



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