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Product Instability or Tip-Over Injuries and Fatalities Associated with Televisions, Furniture, and Appliances: 2023 Report

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Executive Summary

This report contains information on injuries and fatalities associated with television, furniture, and appliance product instability, or tip-over incidents. Tip-over incidents include scenarios where heavy furniture falls on an individual from some type of interaction, such as climbing or exerting a force on the product while it is in one of its positions of normal use. Product instability that can lead to a tip-over incident can be caused or affected by an unstable design (small footprint, top heavy), use on a sloped or unstable surface (carpet), non-use of a tip-over restraint device or use of a defective tip-over restraint device, heavy objects on top of furniture, or multiple open drawers. A television or an appliance that is on furniture and falls with it is counted only in the furniture category in this report's tabulations.

This report presents a national estimate of emergency department-treated instability or tip-over injuries, followed by the counts of reported fatalities. The injury estimates are for years 2020 through 2022,¹ and fatal incidents reported to have occurred from January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023.² Appendix A presents the methodology for data extraction and the selection criteria. Appendix B describes conventions applied for determining the products and scenarios that are included in the various product categories in this report. The statistics presented in this report may differ from those referenced in the CPSC rulemaking for clothing storage units³ due to differences in scope, methodology, and purpose. The statistics presented in this report also are not comparable to tip-over statistics released in previous CPSC tip-over reports, due to refinement of the conventions for determining in-scope National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) injuries and reported deaths in the Consumer Product Safety Risk Management System (CPSRMS) (see Appendix B).

Highlights of the Report

Analyzing the estimated annual average of 17,800 emergency department (ED)-treated injuries⁴ (2020–2022) and the 217 reported fatalities⁵ (January 1, 2013 – July 31, 2023) associated with tip-over incidents, staff noted the following⁶:

Victims

- Estimated annual average number of ED-treated injuries:

¹ Injury estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred. Percentages based on NEISS estimates are based on the non-rounded estimates.

² Fatality counts should be considered incomplete for years 2021–2023, due to a time lag in reporting to CPSC.

³ Links to amendments published in the Code of Federal Regulations can be found at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-16/chapter-II/subchapter-B/part-1261>.

⁴ Between 2013 and 2022, there were 11 NEISS tip-over injuries that ultimately resulted in deaths. Of these 11 deaths, three occurred between 2020 and 2022. All these deaths are included in both the national annual estimates throughout the NEISS "injury" section and the fatality section of this report.

⁵ Between January 1, 2013 and July 31, 2023, there were 11 NEISS fatalities, and all of them appear in the fatality section of this report.

⁶ Percentages may not sum to 100, due to rounding.

- children under age 18 years suffered 7,800 (44%) injuries, while they represent 22 percent of the population;⁷
 - adults ages 18 to 59 years suffered 5,700 (32%) injuries, while they represent 55 percent of the population; and
 - seniors ages 60 years and older suffered 4,200 (24%) injuries, while they represent 23 percent of the population.
- Reported fatalities:
 - 155 (71%) involved children under age 18 years;
 - 6 (3%) involved adults ages 18 to 59 years; and
 - 56 (26%) involved seniors ages 60 years and older.

Tip-over product(s)

- Estimated annual average number of ED-treated injuries:
 - 14,500 (82%) involved furniture (furniture-only, TV and furniture, or appliance and furniture);
 - 2,600 (15%) involved only a television; and
 - 600 (3%) involved only an appliance.
- The estimated annual average number of ED-treated injuries involving children (under age 18 years) and furniture⁸ was 6,400. Among them:
 - 2,400 (38%) involved a table;
 - 1,800 (28%) involved a chest, bureau, or dresser;
 - 1,000 (16%) involved shelving, a shelving unit, or a bookcase; and
 - 1,200 (18%) involved all other furniture (including cabinets and stands).
- Reported fatalities:
 - 100 (46%) involved only furniture;
 - 49 (23%) involved only a television;
 - 54 (25%) involved furniture and a television both tipping over; and
 - 15 (7%) involved only an appliance.⁹ There were 9 fatalities involving a stove/oven and 6 fatalities involving a refrigerator.

⁷ The U.S. population estimate for each age group is the 3-year average from July of each year, 2020-2022, found at [US Census Population Estimates for years 2020-2022](#).

⁸ Seen in Table 2, of the estimated 6,400 furniture-related injuries to children, about 3 percent of these incidents also involved a television.

⁹ There were no fatalities involving both an appliance and furniture falling.

Incident location¹⁰

- Estimated annual average number of ED-treated injuries:
 - 60% in residential settings;
 - 8% in public settings; and
 - 32% in locations not specified.
- Reported fatalities:
 - The location where the incident took place:
 - 94% in residential settings;
 - 4% in public settings; and
 - 2% in locations not specified.
 - The room where the incident took place:
 - 44% in bedrooms;
 - 15% in living/family rooms;
 - 16% in other locations (kitchen, dining room, and miscellaneous other rooms); and
 - 25% in unknown room locations.

Injury characterization (primary injury type and body area affected)

- Estimated annual average number of ED-treated injuries:
 - The diagnosis of injury:
 - 27% contusions/abrasions;
 - 16% internal organ injuries;
 - 15% fractures;
 - 15% lacerations; and
 - 26% all other diagnoses.
 - The body area injured:
 - 35% were head injuries;
 - 34% were to legs, feet, and toes;
 - 17% were to arms, hands, and fingers;
 - 11% were torso injuries; and

¹⁰ Public locations include nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the NEISS injury estimates and in the fatality section, which generally only affect the senior age group.

- 3% were to all other body parts.
- Reported fatalities:
 - The manner of death:
 - 50% were crushed and remained under the product(s);
 - 25% were hit/struck by product(s), but not crushed under the product(s);
 - 18% were due to positional asphyxia; and
 - 7% were due to other or unknown scenarios.
 - The body part injured leading to the fatality:
 - 67% were head injuries (51% head only; 12% head and torso; 4% head and limb or head, limb, and torso);
 - 23% were torso only;
 - 5% were torso and limb(s) or limb(s) only; and
 - 6% were unknown body parts.

Since CPSC’s last tip-over report, on May 4, 2023, the Commission published a direct final rule to address Clothing Storage Unit tip-over (88 Fed. Reg. 28,403). This rule was codified as 16 CFR part 1261 and took effect on September 1, 2023. Also, CPSC continues its “Anchor It!” Campaign started in early 2015,¹¹ a national public education campaign to prevent furniture and television tip overs from killing and seriously injuring children. CPSC’s safety campaign is aimed at reducing the number of deaths and injuries from tipping televisions, furniture, and appliances.

¹¹ <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Tipover-Information-Center/>.

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1. Emergency Department-Treated Injuries

Table 1 shows that from 2020 through 2022, U.S. hospital emergency departments treated an estimated annual average of 17,800 people for product instability or tip-over injuries related to televisions, furniture, and appliances.¹² The All Furniture category, which includes only furniture, furniture and a television, and furniture and an appliance falling, had the largest number of instability or tip-over-related injuries among the three product categories, with a national annual average estimated at 14,500 injuries (82 percent). This was followed by the national annual average instability or tip-over injury estimate of 2,600 injuries (15 percent) associated with only a television falling. Appliance-only tip-over incidents accounted for a national annual average of 600 injuries (3 percent). See Table 1 for a detailed breakdown; appliance estimates for 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2019 through 2022 are not presented because there were not enough data to support reliable statistical estimates.

In this report, a television or an appliance falling in combination with furniture is counted only in the Furniture category. In Table 1 through Table 4, the Furniture category is subdivided into incidents in which a television and furniture fell, and incidents in which either only furniture fell or an appliance and furniture fell. The succinct nature of NEISS narratives, and the medical records from which the information is drawn, may fail to indicate a piece of furniture that may have been involved along with a fallen television. Cases that definitively indicate both a television and furniture fell were too few to produce robust estimates in the most recent years (2017–2022). The previous annual report data were reevaluated, along with the review of newer data, to ensure that the criteria for inclusion were applied consistently, and any changes to data from past reports have been listed in Appendix A.

Regular usage patterns of products or emergency departments may have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; thus, NEISS injury estimates from 2020 through 2022 may differ from longer-term trends. Some of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are discussed in a separate CPSC report.¹³

¹² Based on the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), which is a probability survey of about 100 hospitals nationally.

¹³ Schroeder, Tom, “Effect of Novel Coronavirus Pandemic on 2020 NEISS Estimates (March–December, 2020)” May 2021, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This report is available at: [Effect of Novel Coronavirus Pandemic on 2020 NEISS Estimates \(March–December, 2020\) | CPSC.gov](#).

Table 1 shows the national annual average estimate of ED-treated tip-over injuries for all ages for 2020 through 2022, as well as yearly estimates for years 2013 through 2022, for comparison purposes. The national annual average estimate of injuries in Table 1 is broken out by product categories: Television-only, Furniture (television and furniture; furniture-only; and appliance and furniture), Appliance-only, and a total for all product categories. In Tables 1–4, under the column for “All Furniture” injury estimates, there are two additional, mutually exclusive estimates in parentheses that subdivide the furniture category. These estimates are for scenarios where a television and furniture both fell, where only furniture fell, or where an appliance and furniture both fell.

Table 1: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs for All Ages by Year, 2013-2022

<u>Year</u>	<u>Television-Only¹⁴</u>	<u>All Furniture (TV + Furniture); [Furniture + Appliance & Furniture-Only]¹⁵</u>	<u>Appliance-Only</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Annual Average (2020 – 2022)	2,600	14,500 (–; 14,300)	600	17,800
Average 95% Confidence Interval (CI)	(2,000 – 3,300)	(11,300 – 17,800) (–; (11,100 – 17,600))	(300– 900)	(13,800 – 21,700)
2022	2,200	14,700 (–; 14,600)	–	17,400
2021	2,500	14,600 (–; 14,400)	–	17,700
2020	3,200	14,300 (–; 14,000)	–	18,100
2019	3,700	17,900 (–; 17,700)	–	22,400
2018	4,300	21,500 (–; 20,900)	1,300	27,100
2017	5,900	20,100 (–; 19,400)	–	27,100
2016	6,300	19,900 (1,200; 18,600)	–	26,900
2015	9,000	20,500 (1,300; 19,200)	1,200	30,700
2014	10,600	22,500 (1,800; 20,700)	1,200	34,300
2013	10,500	22,300 (2,300; 20,000)	–	33,800

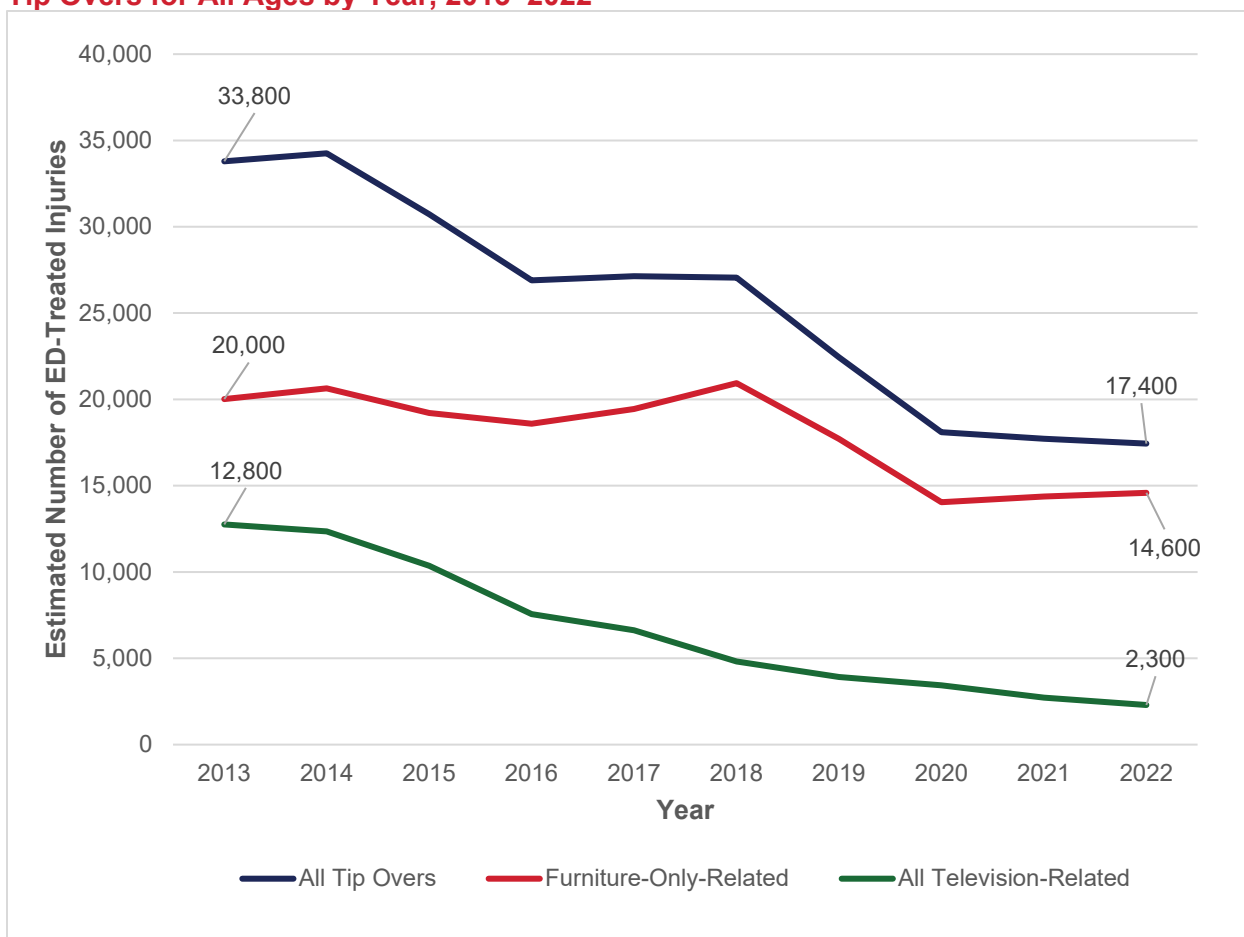
Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.0558 to 0.3199.

¹⁴ The television counts pertain to all televisions, including flat-screen televisions, as well as computer monitors (laptops and “computers” with no indication of a “computer monitor” were considered out of scope). For 2020 through 2022, of the annual average of 2,800 television-related injuries (television-only and television and furniture), 1.22% were due to falling computer monitors.

¹⁵ From 2020 through 2022, there were 0 cases in which an appliance and furniture both fell, accounting for 0.00% of the 3-year annual average estimated injuries. For 2013 through 2022 there were only 2 cases in which both an appliance and furniture fell.

Figure 1 shows the yearly ED-treated tip-over injury estimates, including all ages, for 2013 through 2022, for all tip overs, tip overs involving furniture only, and all tip overs involving a television.¹⁶ For 2013 through 2022, at the 95 percent confidence level, there is a statistically significant linear decline in television-only, furniture-only, and overall ED-treated tip-over injuries, including all ages. The decline in the estimated number of overall injuries, in large part, is due to the decline in tip overs involving a television during those years. The estimated number of injuries may also have been influenced by the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic for the years 2020 through 2022.¹¹ Data were insufficient to test statistically for any trends in the appliance-only category for the entire period 2013 through 2022. The decrease in television-related tip-over incidents in more recent years comes after a marketplace shift from heavier, cathode ray tube (CRT) televisions to wall-mounted, flat screen models.

Figure 1: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs for All Ages by Year, 2013–2022



Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.0558 to 0.1678.

¹⁶ “Furniture-Only-Related” estimates do not appear in Table 1; estimates for “All Television-Related” tip overs are summed using “Television-Only” and “TV + Furniture” categories in Table 1.

Table 2 shows the national annual average estimates of ED-treated tip-over injuries involving children ages 0 to 17 years old. From 2013 through 2022, at the 95 percent confidence level there is a statistically significant linear decline in furniture-only,¹⁷ ED-treated tip-over injuries to children. There is also a statistically significant linear decline at the 95 percent confidence level in overall tip-over injuries to children from 2013 through 2022. Data were insufficient to test statistically for any trends in the television-only and appliance-only categories for the entire period 2013 through 2022. During the most recent years, 2020 through 2022, about 17 percent of ED-treated tip-over injuries to children involved a television (including only a television, or a television and furniture).

Table 2: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs Among Children Under 18 Years by Year, 2013-2022

<u>Year</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture ([TV + Furniture]; [Furniture + Appliance & Furniture-Only])</u>	<u>Appliance-Only</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Annual Average (2020 – 2022)	1,200	6,400 (–; 6,300)	–	7,800
Average 95% Confidence Interval (CI)	(700 – 1,700)	(4,100 – 8,800) ((–); (3,900 – 8,700))	–	(4,100 – 8,800)
2022	–	6,200 (–; 6,200)	–	7,100
2021	–	7,000 (–; 6,900)	–	8,200
2020	1,700	6,100 (–; 5,900)	–	8,100
2019	1,800	8,300 (–; 8,100)	–	10,500
2018	2,000	9,200 (–; 8,700)	–	11,300
2017	3,300	8,800 (–; 8,300)	–	12,100
2016	3,800	10,100 (–; 9,000)	–	13,900
2015	5,900	9,900 (–; 8,900)	–	16,000
2014	6,400	11,000 (1,600; 9,300)	–	17,400
2013	6,200	12,200 (2,100; 10,100)	–	18,400

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.0695 to 0.2371.

¹⁷ Although “furniture-only” estimates do not appear in Table 2, a trend analysis was performed for estimated ED-treated tip-over injuries to children when only furniture tipped over (*i.e.*, no appliance and furniture; and no television and furniture scenarios included). A statistically significant decreasing linear trend over the years 2013 through 2022 was found at the 95 percent confidence level.

Table 3 shows the national annual average estimates of ED-treated tip-over injuries involving adults ages 18 to 59 years old. From 2013 through 2022, at the 95 percent confidence level there is a statistically significant linear decline in furniture-only¹⁸ and in overall ED-treated tip-over injuries to adults. Data were insufficient to test statistically for any trends in the television-only and appliance-only categories for the entire period 2013 through 2022. For the years 2020 through 2022, about 14 percent of all adult ED-treated tip-over injuries involved a television (including only a television, or a television and furniture).

Table 3: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs Among Adults Ages 18 to 59 Years by Year, 2013-2022

<u>Year</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture ([TV + Furniture]; [Furniture + Appliance & Furniture-Only])</u>	<u>Appliance-Only</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Annual Average (2020 – 2022)	800	4,600 (–; 4,600)	–	5,700
Average 95% Confidence Interval (CI)	(600 – 1,000)	(3,900 – 5,400) ((–); (3,900 – 5,400))	–	(4,800 – 6,700)
2022	–	4,100 (–; 4,100)	–	4,800
2021	–	4,600 (–; 4,600)	–	6,100
2020	–	5,100 (–; 5,100)	–	6,300
2019	1,400	6,600 (–; 6,600)	–	8,300
2018	1,300	8,400 (–; 8,300)	–	10,500
2017	1,800	8,600 (–; 8,500)	–	11,200
2016	1,700	6,900 (–; 6,900)	–	9,200
2015	2,800	7,300 (–; 7,100)	–	11,000
2014	3,200	9,300 (–; 9,100)	–	13,500
2013	3,700	8,300 (–; 8,100)	–	12,900

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.0820 to 0.2195.

¹⁸ Although “furniture-only” estimates do not appear in Table 3, a trend analysis was performed for estimated ED-treated tip-over injuries to adults when only furniture tipped over (e.g., no appliance and furniture or television and furniture scenarios included). A statistically significant decreasing linear trend over the years 2013 through 2022 was found at the 95 percent confidence level.

Table 4 shows the national annual average estimates of ED-treated tip-over injuries involving seniors ages 60 years and older. From 2013 through 2022, no linear trend was detected for furniture (whether a television was or was not involved), or for overall ED-treated tip-over injuries for seniors. Data were insufficient to test statistically for any trends in the television-only and appliance-only categories for the entire period 2013 through 2022. For the years 2020 through 2022, about 17 percent of all senior ED-treated tip-over injuries involved a television (including only a television, or a television and furniture).

Table 4: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs Among Seniors 60 years and Older by Year, 2013-2022

<u>Year</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture ([TV + Furniture]; [Furniture + Appliance & Furniture-Only])</u>	<u>Appliance-Only</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Annual Average (2020 – 2022)	600	3,500 (–; 3,400)	–	4,200
Average 95% Confidence Interval (CI)	(400 – 900)	(2,600 – 4,300) (–; (2,500 – 4,200))	–	(3,300 – 5,200)
2022	–	4,400 (–; 4,300)	–	5,500
2021	–	3,000 (–; 2,900)	–	3,500
2020	–	3,000 (–; 3,000)	–	3,700
2019	–	3,000 (–; 2,900)	–	3,700
2018	–	3,900 (–; 3,900)	–	5,200
2017	–	2,700 (–; 2,600)	–	3,800
2016	–	2,800 (–; 2,800)	–	3,700
2015	–	3,300 (–; 3,300)	–	3,800
2014	–	2,300 (–; 2,300)	–	3,300
2013	–	1,800 (–; 1,800)	–	2,400

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.1144 to 0.2650.

For the remainder of the injury section, furniture category estimates also include incidents in which both a television and furniture fell. There were no injuries of a victim of any age involving both an appliance and furniture falling in the period 2020 through 2022.

Table 5 presents the estimated annual average number of ED-treated tip-over injuries for the various product categories by victim age category, and the percent of the total estimated number of injuries in parentheses for each category breakdown. As the table shows, children younger than 10 years of age account for the largest proportion of product instability or tip-over injuries, with an estimated annual average of 6,800 injuries, which is 39 percent of all tip-over injuries. Children under 10 years old also had the most furniture-related injuries (5,600 injuries; 32 percent of all injuries), and the most television-only injuries (1,100 injuries; 6 percent of all injuries).

Table 5: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs by Victim Age Category, 2020-2022

<u>Age Category (in years)</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture (TV + Furniture & Furniture-Only)</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Total	2,600 (15%)	14,500 (82%)	17,800 (100%)
<1 – 9	1,100 (6%)	5,600 (32%)	6,800 (39%)
10 – 19	–	800 (5%)	1,000 (6%)
20 – 29	–	900 (5%)	1,000 (6%)
30 – 39	–	1,300 (7%)	1,600 (9%)
40 – 49	–	1,300 (7%)	1,500 (8%)
50 – 59	–	1,100 (6%)	1,500 (9%)
60 – 69	–	1,300 (7%)	1,600 (9%)
70 – 79	–	900 (5%)	1,000 (6%)
80 – 89	–	800 (5%)	1,100 (6%)
≥ 90	–	500 (3%)	500 (3%)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. Appliance tip overs, not shown as a separate column in the table, account for 3.4% of the total estimated injuries to all ages. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. All percentages are out of 17,800 total estimated injuries. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates (2020–2022) ranged from 0.1226 to 0.2880.

To simplify the analysis, for the remainder of this report, the age groups of children (younger than 18 years), adults (18 years to younger than 60 years), and seniors (60 years and older) are used when discussing product instability or tip-over-related injuries for television-only, furniture-related, and appliance-only categories. Children account for almost half (44 percent) of all ED-treated instability or tip-over injury estimates from 2020 through 2022. Adults and seniors account for 32 percent and 24 percent of all tip-over injuries from 2020 through 2022, respectively. Appliance-only estimates are not presented for any age group because there were not enough data to support reliable statistical estimates.

Table 6 presents national annual average estimates of ED-treated tip-over injuries by age group and product category. The injury rates, per 100,000 people of each age group, are shown in parentheses next to the estimates. The furniture category, which includes scenarios when both a television and furniture fall, was associated with most of the estimated injuries for each age group. Of the three age groups, children sustain the highest annual average estimated number of ED-treated injuries (7,800 injuries), as well as the highest rate of tip-over injuries occurring in the population (11 injuries per 100,000 population for this age group). The injury rates are similar among the adult and senior age groups; the adult group incurred an estimated three injuries per 100,000 population and the senior group incurred an estimated five injuries per 100,000 population, for each of those age groups, respectively.

Table 6: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs by Product and Victim Age Category, 2020-2022 (ED-Treated Injuries Per 100,000 U.S. Population by Age Group¹⁹)

Tip-Over Item	Children (<1 to 17 years)	Adults (18 to 59 years)	Seniors (60 years and older)
Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total	7,800 (11)	5,700 (3)	4,200 (5)
Average 95% Confidence Interval (CI)	(4,900 – 10,700)	(4,800 – 6,700)	(3,300 – 5,200)
Television-Only	1,200 (2)	800 (<1)	600 (1)
All Furniture (TV + Furniture & Furniture-Only)	6,400 (9)	4,600 (3)	3,500 (4)
Appliance-Only	–	–	–

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates (2020–2022) ranged from 0.0820 to 0.2069.

¹⁹ The U.S. population estimate for each age group is an average of each year 2020–2022 data of that age group, from the month of July from each year, found at: [US Census Population Estimates for years 2020-2022](https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2020s/total.html).

Children account for the largest portion of television-only and furniture-related injuries. The estimates related to children can be further subdivided into age categories for victims less than 1 year old (less than 1 month to 11 months), 1 year old (12 months to 23 months), 2 years old (24 months to 35 months), 3 years old (36 months to 47 months), 4 years old (48 months to 59 months), 5 years old (60 months to 71 months), and children 6 years to 17 years old. Table 7 presents national annual average estimates of ED-treated tip-over injuries by age group and product category. The injury rates, per 100,000 people of each age group, are shown in parentheses next to the estimates.

As seen in Table 7, out of all children, victims ages 1 to 4 years account for 60 percent of all tip overs. For the furniture-related category, 1-year-olds and 2-year-olds account for the highest number of estimated injuries (1,200 and 1,100 injuries, respectively). Children ages 1 year old and 2 years old sustain the highest rate of tip-over injuries occurring in the population (46 injuries and 32 injuries per 100,000 population for that age group, respectively).

Table 7: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs by Selected Child Victim Age Category, 2020-2022 (ED-Treated Injuries Per 100,000 U.S. Population by Age Group)

<u>Child Age Category (in years)</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture (TV + Furniture & Furniture-Only)</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Total	1,200 (2)	6,400 (9)	7,800 (11)
<1	–	–	–
1	–	1,200 (35)	1,700 (46)
2	–	1,100 (28)	1,200 (32)
3	–	900 (22)	1,100 (27)
4	–	700 (17)	800 (19)
5	–	400 (11)	500 (12)
6 – 17	–	1,900 (4)	2,300 (5)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. Appliance tip overs, not shown as a separate column in the table, account for 2.0% of the total estimated injuries to children. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates (2020–2022) ranged from 0.1711 to 0.2635.

In Table 8, the furniture-related tip-over injury estimates are classified further by furniture subcategory. Tables were involved in about one in three (34 percent) ED-treated tip-over injuries involving furniture over all ages; and tables were also the largest furniture-related category for each age group: children, adults, and seniors.

Children were the age group with the most furniture-related ED-treated injuries (44 percent), followed by adults (32 percent), and the senior age group (24 percent). There was an estimated annual average of 1,800 ED-treated injuries to children involving chests, bureaus, and dressers; of these, 6 percent are known to have involved a fallen television as well. Not shown in Table 8, among the 14,400 annual average estimated furniture-related injuries over all ages from 2020 through 2022, about 1.3 percent indicated a television also fell.

Table 8: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs by Furniture Subcategories, 2020-2022

<u>Furniture Subcategory</u>	<u>Children (<1 to 17 years)</u>	<u>Adults (18 to 59 years)</u>	<u>Seniors (60 years and older)</u>	<u>All Ages Total</u>
Total	6,400 (44%)	4,600 (32%)	3,500 (24%)	14,500 (100%)
Tables	2,400 (17%)	1,500 (10%)	1,000 (7%)	4,900 (34%)
Shelving, Shelving Units, and Bookcases (Shelf)	1,000 (7%)	1,400 (10%)	700 (5%)	3,100 (22%)
Chests, Bureaus, and Dressers (CBD)	1,800 (12%)	600 (4%)	700 (5%)	3,100 (21%)
Cabinets	500 (3%)	800 (5%)	500 (3%)	1,700 (12%)
Remaining Furniture Subcategory	700 (5%)	–	600 (4%)	1,700 (12%)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for furniture product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. Percentages are out of 14,400 total estimated injuries involving furniture. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.1086 to 0.3285.

There were an estimated 9,100 females injured (51 percent) and an estimated 8,700 males injured (49 percent) annually among all product instability or tip-over incidents for all ages. Table 9 presents the estimates for each victim age category by product category and sex. There was no statistical difference by sex detected in children, adults, seniors, or all ages combined for any of the category comparisons: television-only, furniture-related, or the combined category estimate of all tip-over incidents at the 95 percent confidence level where comparisons could be made.²⁰

Table 9: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs by Sex, 2020-2022

<u>Age Group and Sex</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture (TV + Furniture & Furniture + Appliance & Furniture-Only)</u>	<u>Appliance-Only</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Total	2,600 (15%)	14,500 (82%)	600 (3%)	17,800 (100%)
All Ages Female	1,400 (8%)	7,500 (42%)	–	9,100 (51%)
All Ages Male	1,300 (7%)	7,100 (40%)	–	8,700 (49%)
Female Children	600 (3%)	2,700 (15%)	–	3,300 (19%)
Male Children	700 (4%)	3,700 (21%)	–	4,500 (25%)
Female Adults	400 (2%)	2,600 (15%)	–	3,100 (17%)
Male Adults	–	2,100 (12%)	–	2,600 (15%)
Female Seniors	400 (2%)	2,200 (12%)	–	2,700 (15%)
Male Seniors	–	1,300 (7%)	–	1,600 (9%)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for furniture product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. Percentages are out of 17,800 total estimated injuries. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.0908 to 0.2734.

The primary injury diagnoses,²¹ which are independent of the disposition of the patients, were examined for children, adults, and seniors. Table 10 presents the breakdown of the diagnoses (where available) for the different product categories and age groups. The most common injury diagnosis was a contusion or abrasion for all age groups combined (4,900; 27 percent), and for the children and adult age groups. Contusions and abrasions were also the most frequent injury diagnoses for the furniture-related category for the children and adult age groups. The next most prevalent diagnoses of all age groups combined were internal organ injuries (2,900; 16 percent), fractures (2,700; 15 percent), and lacerations (2,600; 15 percent). Children and seniors were diagnosed with internal organ injuries at a higher rate (19 percent of children injuries and 21 percent of senior injuries) compared to adults (9 percent of adult injuries), primarily because of the many head injuries to children and seniors in tip-over incidents.

²⁰ Data were insufficient to test statistically for a difference in sex for television-only tip-over injuries for the adult and senior age groups, and for appliance-only tip-over injuries for any age group or all ages.

²¹ Beginning in 2018, for NEISS incidents there are up to two diagnoses coded for each patient visit. For this report, only the first diagnosis coded is used for estimates in Table 10 because the first diagnosis listed refers to the most severe diagnosis resulting from the tip-over incident.

Table 10: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs by Diagnosis, 2020-2022

<u>Primary Diagnosis</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture (TV + Furniture & Furniture + Appliance & Furniture-Only)</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Total	All Ages	2,600 (15%)	14,500 (82%)	17,800 (100%)
Contusions, Abrasions	Children	–	2,000 (11%)	2,300 (13%)
	Adults	–	1,500 (8%)	1,700 (10%)
	Seniors	–	700 (4%)	800 (4%)
Internal Organ Injury	Children	400 (2%)	1,000 (6%)	1,500 (8%)
	Adults	–	400 (2%)	500 (3%)
	Seniors	–	700 (4%)	900 (5%)
Lacerations	Children	–	1,100 (6%)	1,300 (7%)
	Adults	–	700 (4%)	900 (5%)
	Seniors	–	400 (2%)	500 (3%)
Fractures	Children	–	900 (5%)	1,000 (6%)
	Adults	–	900 (5%)	1,000 (6%)
	Seniors	–	500 (3%)	600 (4%)
All Other Diagnoses	Children	–	1,500 (8%)	1,700 (9%)
	Adults	–	1,200 (7%)	1,600 (9%)
	Seniors	–	1,200 (7%)	1,400 (8%)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for furniture product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. Percentages are out of 17,800 total estimated injuries. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.1132 to 0.2741.

Table 11 presents the primary body parts injured in the ED-treated tip-over injuries.²² About 1 in 5 (19 percent) of all estimated ED-treated tip-over injuries of all ages were head injuries to children. Most injuries to children were head injuries (3,400 injuries), and injuries to the legs, feet, and toes (2,400 injuries). Not shown in Tables 11 and 12, among the estimated annual 3,400 ED-treated injuries to the head among children, 1,500 were diagnosed as internal organ injuries, 700 were contusions or abrasions, 800 were lacerations, and the remaining injuries were other diagnoses. Most injuries to adults were to the legs, feet, and toes (2,500 injuries), and to the head (1,300 injuries). Most injuries to seniors were to the head (1,500 injuries), and legs, feet, and toes (1,200 injuries).

²² Beginning in 2018 NEISS incidents, there are up to two body parts coded for each patient visit. For this report, only the first body part coded is used for estimates in Table 8 because the first body part coded corresponds to the more severe diagnosis resulting from the tip-over incident.

Table 11: Annual Average of Estimated ED-Treated Injuries Due to Product Instability or Tip Overs by Area of Body, 2020-2022

<u>Primary Area of Body Affected</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Television-Only</u>	<u>All Furniture (TV + Furniture & Furniture + Appliance & Furniture-Only)</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>
Total	All Ages	2,600 (15%)	14,500 (82%)	17,800 (100%)
Head	Children	700 (4%)	2,600 (14%)	3,400 (19%)
	Adults	–	1,000 (5%)	1,300 (7%)
	Seniors	–	1,100 (6%)	1,500 (8%)
Legs, Feet, and Toes (Legs)	Children	–	2,100 (12%)	2,400 (14%)
	Adults	–	2,200 (12%)	2,500 (14%)
	Seniors	–	1,100 (6%)	1,200 (7%)
Arms, Hands, and Fingers (Arms)	Children	–	1,100 (6%)	1,300 (7%)
	Adults	–	1,000 (5%)	1,200 (7%)
	Seniors	–	400 (2%)	500 (3%)
Torso	Children	–	500 (3%)	600 (3%)
	Adults	–	500 (3%)	700 (4%)
	Seniors	–	500 (3%)	700 (4%)
All Other Body Parts	Children	–	–	–
	Adults	–	–	–
	Seniors	–	–	–

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for furniture product codes, as described in Appendix B. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred and therefore may not add up to the total. Percentages are out of 17,800 total estimated injuries. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.1157 to 0.2869.

Considering the location of injury, 60 percent of the estimated 17,800 injuries of all ages occurred in a residential location. Eight percent occurred in a public location—such as schools, churches, daycare centers, offices, restaurants, nursing homes, stores, or parks—and 32 percent happened in an unknown location. These percentages are somewhat similar for children (70 percent residential and 6 percent public) and adults (52 percent residential and 4 percent public), but seniors (52 percent residential, and 17 percent public) had a higher percent of public locations, which is probably due to nursing homes being coded as public locations.

The disposition of the ED-treated tip-over injuries show that most victims (94 percent of children, 91 percent of adults, and 72 percent of seniors) were treated and released; however, 3 percent of children, 4 percent of adults, and 21 percent of seniors were hospitalized.

NEISS data include variables called Race, RaceOth, and Hispanic, which record information about the race or ethnicity of ED-treated patients. These three variables were used when designating race/ethnicity categories for each patient. This resulted in five categories used for analysis on race/ethnicity in this report: (1) non-Hispanic Black or African American (Black), (2) Hispanic (all races) (Hispanic), (3) non-Hispanic White (White), (4) all other patients with known races/ethnicities or who identify as Multiracial (Other), and (5) patients with an unknown race/ethnicity (not used in analysis comparisons with the population). For the remainder of the injury section of this report, these category names (*i.e.*, Black, Hispanic, White, and Other) are used to refer to the above-described groups. This specific grouping aligns with the population data grouping presented by the U.S. Census Bureau. Please refer to Appendix A for more detail about the race/ethnicity variables, and the methods used to categorize patients by the three NEISS coded race/ethnicity variables.

Analysis concerning race/ethnicity for the annual average estimated number of ED-treated tip-over injuries is based on the years 2020 through 2022. Estimates of tip-over injuries involving races/ethnicities other than Black, Hispanic, or White are not statistically reliable, and hence, not presented. From 2020 through 2022, out of the estimated annual average of 17,800 tip-over injuries to all ages, only 12,200 (69 percent) were to patients with a known race/ethnicity, including 63 percent (4,900 annual injuries) of tip-over injuries to children, 75 percent (4,300 annual injuries) of tip-over injuries to adults, and 70 percent (3,000 annual injuries) of tip-over injuries to seniors. Since only 69 percent of injured people have a known race/ethnicity in Table 12, comparisons based on race/ethnicity may misrepresent the comparative proportions with the U.S. population in each group.

Table 12 presents the proportion of the estimated annual average number of ED-treated tip-over injuries by race/ethnicity to patients with a known race/ethnicity, with the estimated annual average proportions of the U.S. population for each race/ethnicity within each age group in parentheses,²³ for the years 2020 through 2022. The proportionate number of people of each race/ethnicity in the U.S. population can be compared with the proportion of the estimated number of ED-treated tip-over injuries for each age group by race/ethnicity category.

Table 12: Proportion of Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Estimated ED-Treated Injuries of Patients with Known Race/Ethnicity²⁴ and the Annual Average Estimated Proportions of the U.S. Population by Race/Ethnicity and Age Group, 2020-2022 (Annual Average Estimated Proportions of the U.S. Population by Race/Ethnicity for each Age Group)

<u>Race / Ethnicity</u>	<u>Children</u> (<1 to 17 years)	<u>Adults</u> (18 to 59 years)	<u>Seniors</u> (60 years and older)	<u>All Ages</u> Total
Total	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (100%)
White, Non-Hispanic*	66% (49%)	51% (57%)	78% (74%)	63% (59%)
Black / African American, Non-Hispanic*	15% (14%)	32% (13%)	– (10%)	22% (13%)
Hispanic (Any Race)	16% (26%)	– (20%)	– (10%)	12% (19%)
Other ²⁵	– (11%)	– (10%)	– (6%)	– (9%)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS. The estimates include cases for television, furniture, and appliance product codes, as described in Appendix B. All injuries where the race/ethnicity of the patient is unknown is not reported. Estimates that are not statistically reliable are presented as “–” (see Appendix A). Estimates are rounded to the nearest percent and therefore may not add up to the total. Asterisks (*) indicate Race/Ethnicity designations are for reported single race only. The coefficients of variation (CVs) for the given estimates ranged from 0.1072 to 0.2754.

From 2020 through 2022, of the patients categorized as White, compared to the proportion of the U.S. population categorized as White, there are:

- proportionately more White children injured (66 percent of injuries versus 49 percent in the population);
- proportionately fewer White adults injured (51 percent of injuries versus 57 percent in the population); and
- proportionately more White seniors injured (78 percent of injuries versus 74 percent in the population).

²³ The U.S. population estimate for each age and race/ethnicity group is an average of each year 2020–2022 data of that group, from the month of July from each year, found at: [US Census Population Estimates for years 2020-2022](https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/population-estimates/2020-2022.html).

²⁴ From 2020 through 2022, out of the estimated annual average of 17,800 tip-over injuries to all ages, only 12,200 (69 percent) were to patients with a known race/ethnicity. All of the NEISS ED-treated proportions of tip-over injuries presented in Table 12 are based on proportions of the 69 percent of all NEISS tip-over ED-treated injuries where the race/ethnicity of the patient is known, which does not account for the 31 percent of tip-over injuries where the race/ethnicity of the patient is not known.

²⁵ The Other category includes the proportion of the U.S. population that are not counted among the non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic, or non-Hispanic White people in U.S. Census figures.

From 2020 through 2022, of the patients categorized as Black, compared to the proportion of the U.S. population categorized as Black,²⁶ there are:

- proportionately more Black children injured (15 percent of injuries versus 14 percent in the population); and
- proportionately more Black adults injured (32 percent of injuries versus 13 percent in the population).

From 2020 through 2022, of the patients categorized as Hispanic, compared to the proportion of the U.S. population categorized as Hispanic, there are:

- proportionately fewer Hispanic children injured (16 percent of injuries versus 26 percent in the population).

2. Reported Fatalities²⁷

Between January 1, 2013 and July 31, 2023, CPSC staff has received 217 reports of product instability or tip-over-related fatalities that were related to a television, furniture, or an appliance. The criteria for determining the in-scope cases are presented in Appendix B. Seen in Table 13, of these 217 reported fatalities, 49 deaths (23 percent) involved only a television falling, 54 deaths (25 percent) involved both a television falling and the furniture in/on which the television was resting also falling, 99 deaths (46 percent) involved only furniture falling, and 15 deaths (7 percent) involved only an appliance falling. Considering all deaths in which a television fell (television-only as well as television and furniture), there were 103 deaths (47 percent). Considering all deaths in which furniture fell (furniture-only as well as television and furniture), there were 153 deaths (70 percent). There were no deaths in which both furniture and an appliance fell.

Some differences are apparent between the numbers and classifications of fatalities in this report when compared with fatalities reported in past annual reports. The reason is two-fold; since the earlier publications, CPSC has received new reports of tip-over fatalities which may include additional information on some of the tip-over fatalities that appeared in past reports. This has necessitated a re-evaluation of previous fatality categorizations for better consistency of the data. The details of these changes are provided in Appendix A.

²⁶ Non-Hispanic Black people make up 13 percent of the U.S. population and make up 27 percent of all television-related tip-over injuries (Television-Only + Television and Furniture falling) among patients where race/ethnicity is known.

²⁷ Reported fatalities come from the CPSRMS, an epidemiological database that houses all anecdotal reports of incidents received by CPSC, "external cause"-based death certificates purchased by CPSC, all in-depth investigations of these anecdotal reports, as well as investigations of select NEISS injuries. Examples of documents in CPSRMS include hotline reports, Internet reports, news reports, medical examiner's reports, death certificates, retailer/manufacturer reports, and documents sent by state/local authorities, among others. Fatality counts should be considered incomplete for years 2021–2023, due to a time lag in reporting to CPSC.

Table 13: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Year of Death, January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023

<u>Year</u>	<u>Television- Only²⁸</u>	<u>TV + Furniture</u>	<u>Furniture- Only</u>	<u>Appliance- Only</u>	<u>Television, Furniture, and Appliance Total</u>	<u>Percent of Total (n = 217)</u>
Product Category Total	49	54	99	15	217	100%
Percent of Total (n = 217)	23%	25%	46%	7%	100%	
2023*	0	0	4	0	4	2%
2022*	1	3	9	1	14	6%
2021*	0	1	7	0	8	4%
2020	3	0	5	1	9	4%
2019	3	0	10	1	14	6%
2018	4	2	4	4	14	6%
2017	3	8	8	2	21	10%
2016	4	9	15	1	29	13%
2015	7	7	10	2	26	12%
2014	13	12	17	1	43	20%
2013	11	12	10	2	35	16%

Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS. Asterisks (*) indicate ongoing reporting.

Like the NEISS injuries, the reported fatalities have been separated into three distinct age categories: children (younger than 18 years of age); adults (ages 18 to 59 years); and seniors (60 years of age or older).

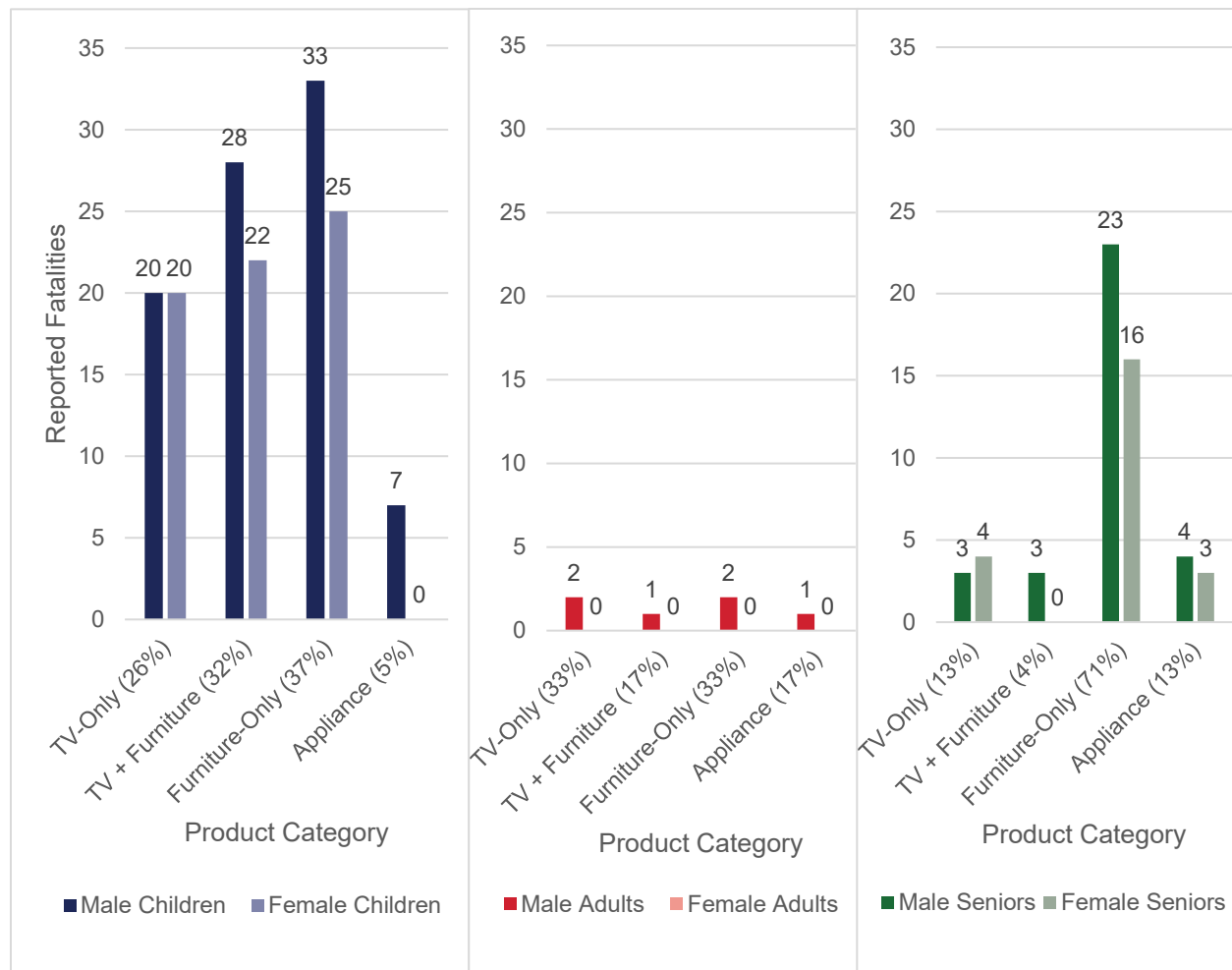
Figure 2 presents the number of reported tip-over fatalities by sex and product category, among the different age groups. Of the 217 tip-over fatalities, 155 (71 percent) were children, 56 (26 percent) were seniors, and the remaining 6 (3 percent) were adults.

²⁸ There are no computer monitor-related fatalities among the television fatality counts.

Among the 155 child fatalities, 40 (26 percent) involved only a television falling, 50 (32 percent) involved both a television falling and the furniture on which the television was resting also falling, 58 (37 percent) involved only furniture falling, and 7 (5 percent) involved only an appliance falling.

Of the 40 child fatalities involving only a television falling, 20 were female (50 percent) and 20 were male (50 percent). The 108 fatalities involving children and furniture (with or without a television also falling) suggest a slight difference based on sex. Of the 58 child fatalities involving only furniture, 33 were male (57 percent) and 25 were female (43 percent); and of the 50 child fatalities involving both a television and furniture falling, 28 were male (56 percent) and 22 were female (44 percent). Of the 40 senior fatalities involving only furniture, 23 were male (59 percent) and 16 were female (41 percent); and the 3 senior fatalities involving both a television and furniture falling were male victims. All 6 adult fatalities were male victims.

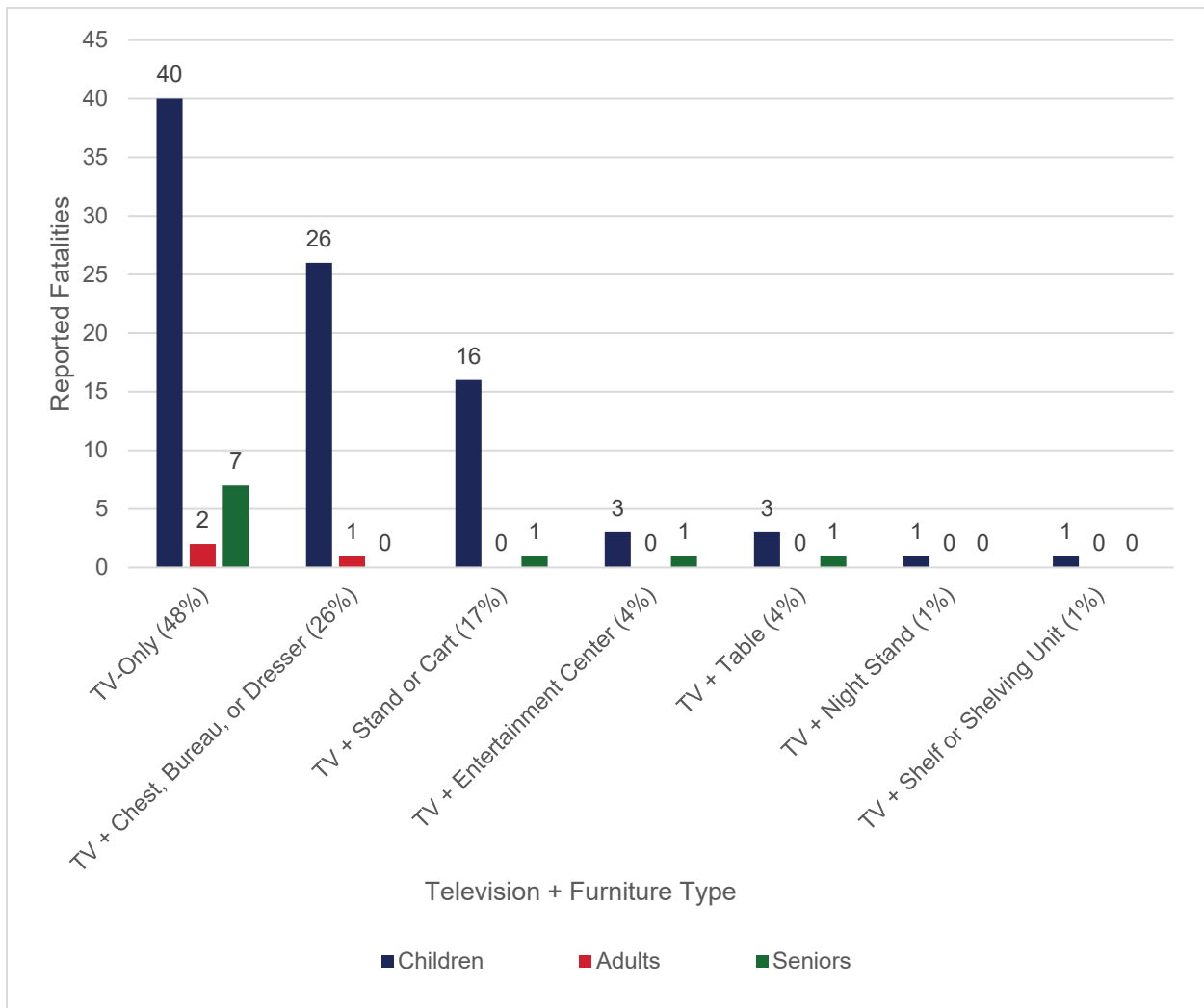
Figure 2: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC for Different Age Groups by Sex and Product Category (n = 217), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

Figure 3 presents the frequencies of reported television-related tip-over fatalities by television and furniture type and victim age group. Among the 217 tip-over fatalities to all ages, 103 deaths (47 percent) involved televisions. Of the 103 television-related tip-over deaths of all ages, 90 fatalities (87 percent) were children; 10 fatalities (10 percent) were seniors; and 3 fatalities (3 percent) were adults.

Figure 3: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Involving a Television Reported to CPSC by Television and Furniture Type²⁹ and Age Groups (n = 103), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023

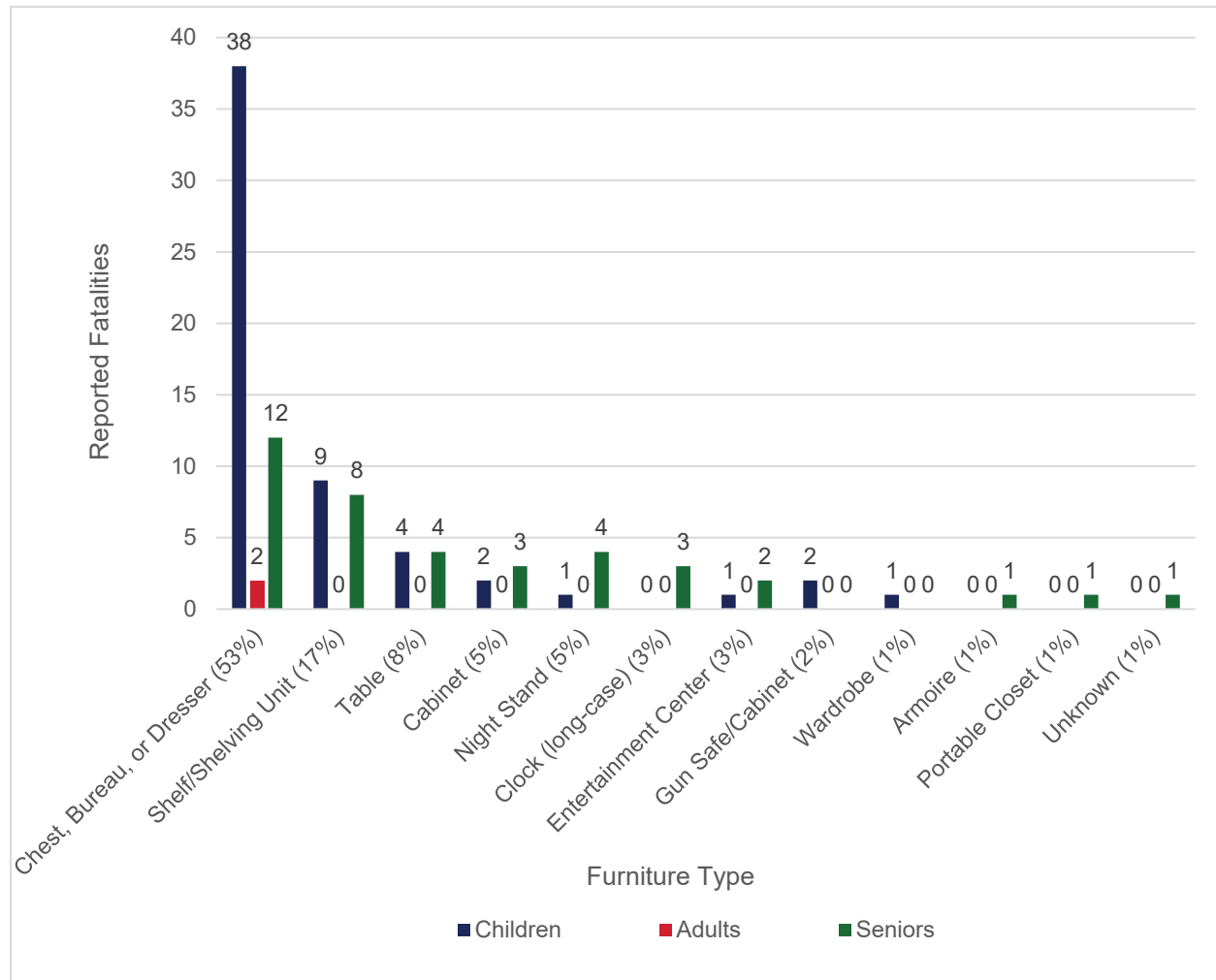


Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

²⁹ Fatalities where it could not be determined if the furniture also tipped or fell are counted as only the television falling.

Figure 4 presents the frequencies for instability or tip-over deaths involving only furniture falling, by furniture type and victim age group.³⁰ Among the 217 tip-over fatalities to all ages, 99 deaths (46 percent of all tip-over fatalities) involved only furniture falling. Of these 99 deaths, 58 fatalities (59 percent) were children; 39 fatalities (39 percent) were seniors; and 2 fatalities (2 percent) were adults.

Figure 4: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC for Furniture-Only by Furniture Type and Age Groups (n = 99), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



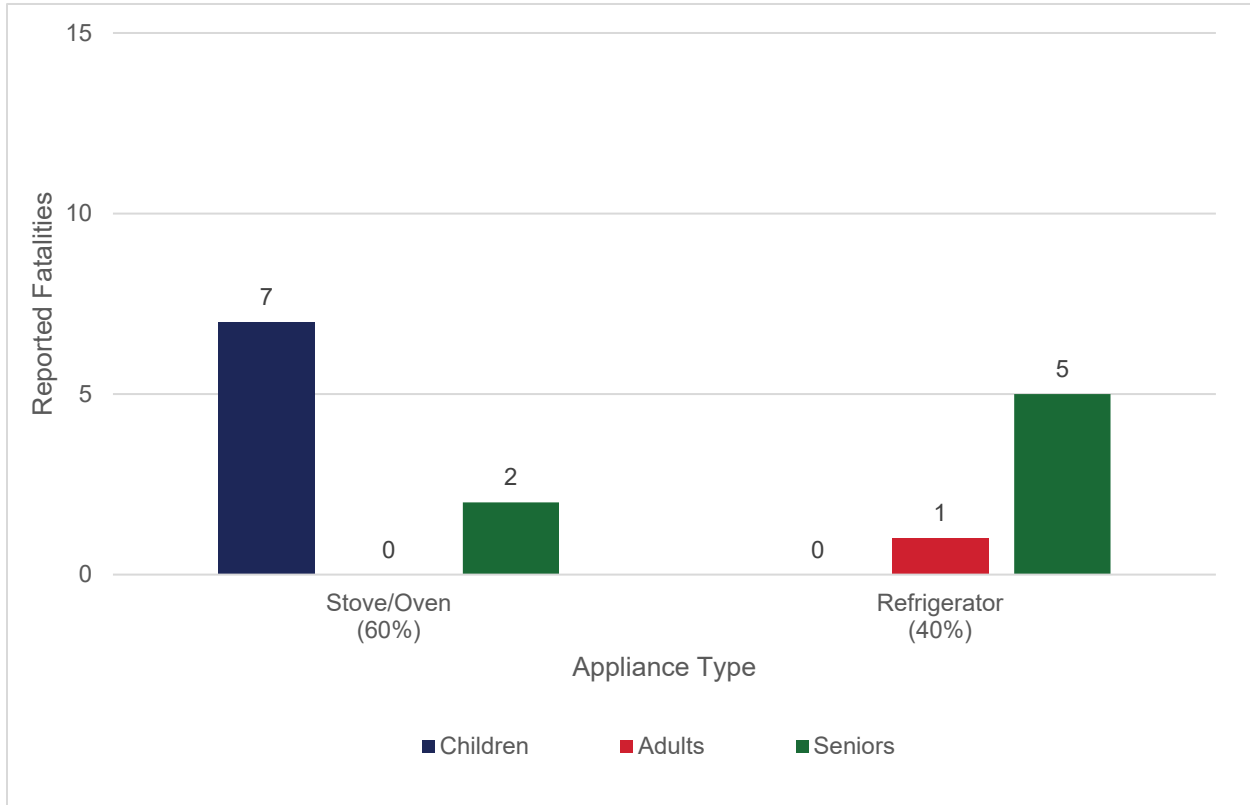
Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

Shown in Figures 3 and 4, tip-over fatalities involving a chest, bureau, or dresser make up 36 percent (79 out of 217 fatalities) of all tip-over deaths to all ages, and of these 79 fatalities, 81 percent (64 fatalities) involved a child. Among all chest, bureau, and dresser-related tip-over fatalities to all ages, there were 27 deaths also involving a television falling, and 52 deaths with no television involved.

³⁰ The fatality where the furniture is unknown was described as either an armoire or a bookcase.

Figure 5 presents the frequencies of fatalities by appliance type and victim age group, capturing the remaining 15 deaths (7 percent) of the 217 tip-over fatalities. Of these 15 deaths, 7 fatalities were children; 7 were seniors; and 1 was an adult.

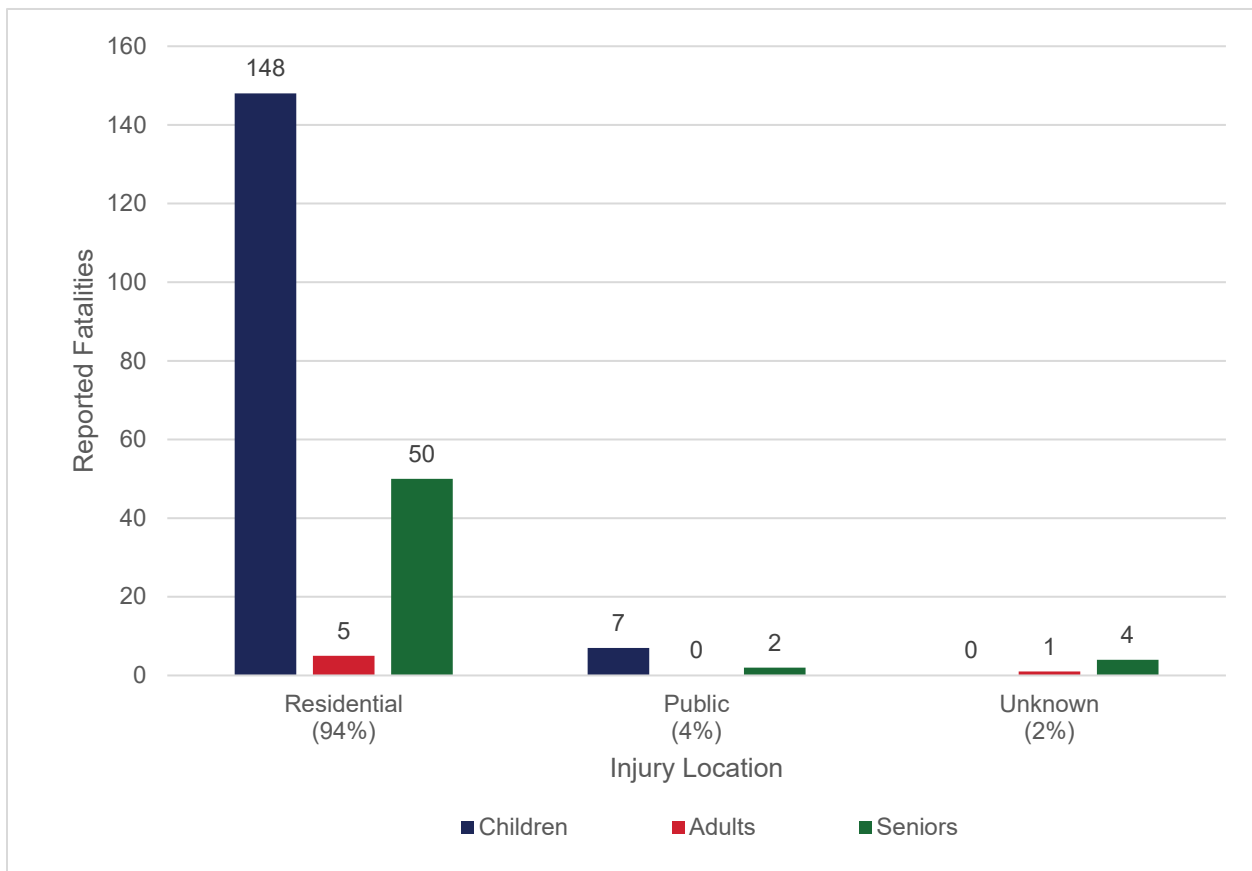
Figure 5: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC for Appliances by Appliance Type and Age Groups (n = 15), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

Figure 6 presents the tip-over fatalities by location. Residential locations account for 203 (94 percent) of the 217 tip-over fatalities. Nine deaths (4 percent) occurred in public locations,³¹ and 5 deaths (2 percent) did not provide enough information to determine the location. Fatalities to children had a similar distribution by location (95 percent residential, 5 percent public, and 0 deaths in unknown locations).

Figure 6: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Location and Age Groups (n = 217), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023

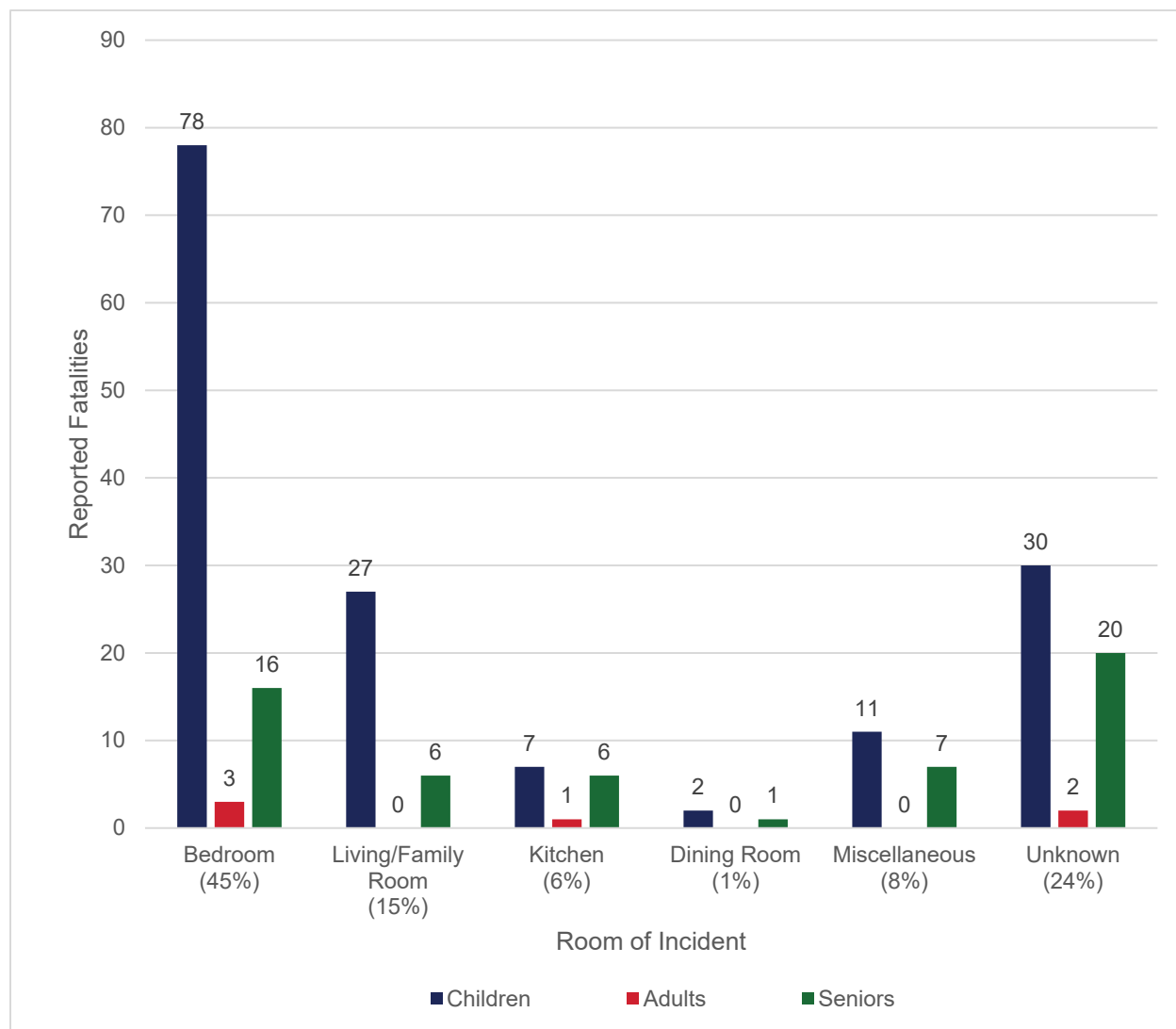


Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

³¹ Public locations include nursing homes and assisted living facilities in both the NEISS injury estimates and in the fatality section, which generally only affect the senior age group. Other public locations besides nursing homes include churches, daycare centers, hotels, schools, and stores.

Figure 7 presents the tip-over fatalities by room of incident and victim age group. For the room where the incident occurred, the bedroom had the largest number of fatalities, with 97 deaths (45 percent), followed by the living/family room with 33 deaths (15 percent). There is also a large portion of cases in which the room location is unknown (52 deaths, or 24 percent). Of the 155 fatalities involving children, 78 deaths (50 percent) occurred in bedrooms and 27 deaths (17 percent) happened in living/family rooms. For adults, 2 out of 6 deaths were in unknown room locations, whereas, for seniors, 20 out of 56 deaths (36 percent) were in unknown room locations.

Figure 7: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Room of Incident and Age Groups (n = 217), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023³²

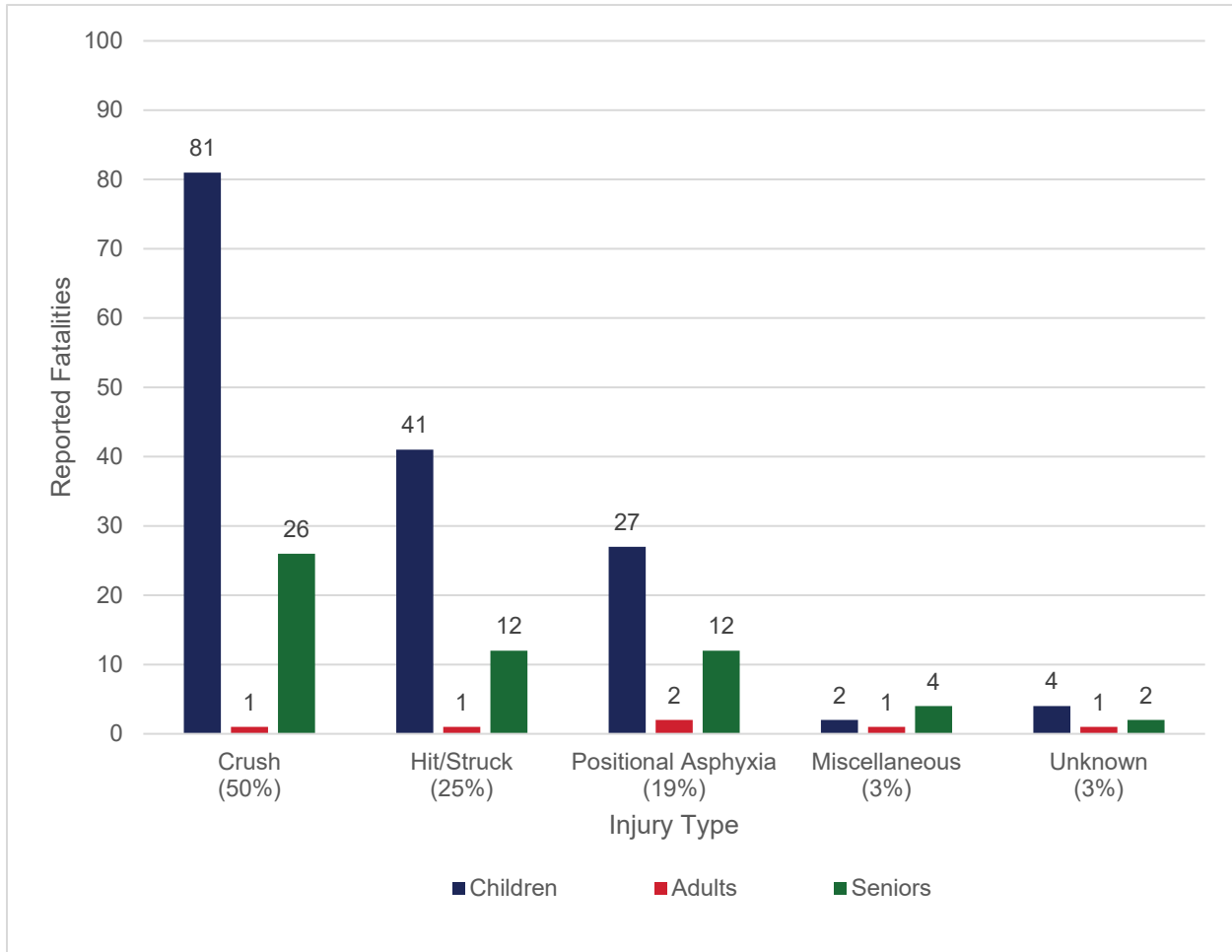


Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

³² Some of the miscellaneous rooms include hallways, playrooms, garages, home offices, spare/storage rooms, daycare center rooms, and deaths in most public locations. Nursing home bedrooms, living/family, kitchen, and dining rooms are not in the miscellaneous category.

Figure 8 presents the frequencies of tip-over fatalities by manner of death. Half of the fatalities were due to the victim being crushed³³ by the television, furniture, or appliance (108 deaths, or 50 percent). This is followed by fatalities due to being hit/struck³⁴ (54 deaths, or 25 percent) by product(s), and fatalities that were the result of positional asphyxia³⁵ (41 deaths, or 19 percent). Crushing incidents accounted for the largest number of fatalities in children (81 fatalities, or 52 percent of children deaths), and seniors (26 fatalities, or 46 percent of senior deaths).

Figure 8: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Manner of Death and Age Groups (n = 217), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023³⁶



Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

³³ “Crushing” incidents are events in which it was clear that the product(s) fell on the victim and the victim remained under the product(s).

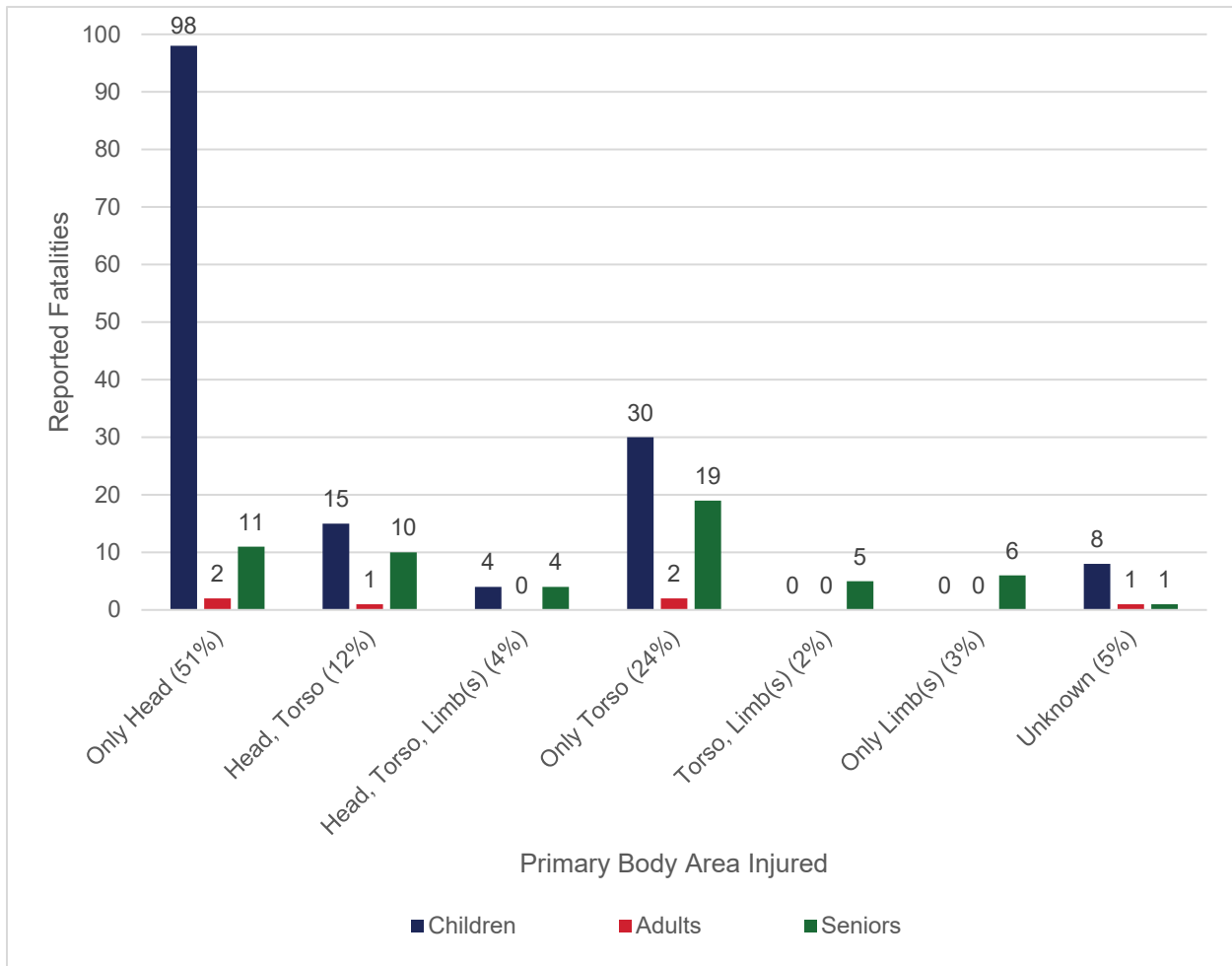
³⁴ “Hit/Struck” injuries are events in which it was clear the product(s) fell on the victim but did not land and remain on the victim.

³⁵ “Positional Asphyxia” is a form of asphyxia that occurs when the body position prevents adequate oxygen supply to the lungs, such as an upper airway obstruction or a limitation in chest wall expansion.

³⁶ Some of the miscellaneous injuries include health complications resulting from a tip over (heart attack or stroke, or broken bones from falls), burn injuries from tipped ovens, and competing risks of more than one of the other categories equally contributing to the death.

Figure 9 presents frequencies of fatalities by victim age group and body area injured. The head was the area of the body impacted most frequently in tip-over fatality incidents with 111 deaths caused by injuries to the head-only (51 percent), and 26 fatalities to the head and torso (12 percent). This is followed by the torso-only, with 51 deaths (24 percent). Damage to the head was the predominant injury leading to death for children, compared to adults and seniors, who had more torso injuries leading to death. Not shown in Figure 9, of the 100 television-related tip-over deaths of all ages where the body part injured is known, including with and without furniture also falling, 91 (91 percent) involved head injuries.

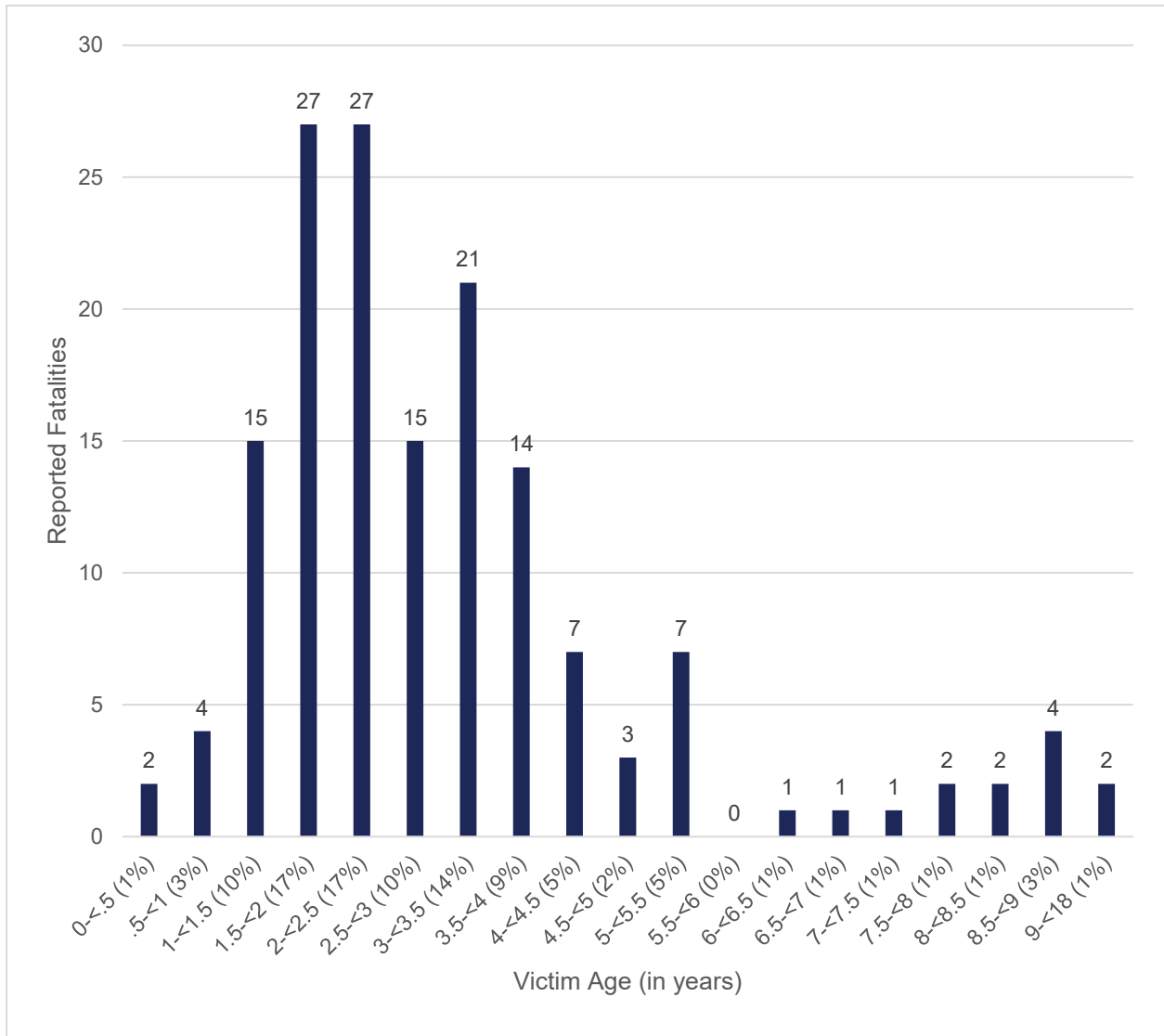
Figure 9: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Body Area Injured and Age Groups (n = 217), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

Figure 10 presents the frequencies and percentages by victim age category for the 155 fatalities involving children. While most decedents were between 1 month and 8 years of age, one 14-year-old decedent died of complications arising from a tip-over incident that happened when the victim was 2-years old, and one 9-year-old decedent died of complications from a tip-over incident that happened when the victim was 1-year-old. Of the 155 fatalities involving children, about two-thirds (105 deaths; 68 percent) were children at least 1 year of age and less than 3½ years of age. The age used is the age at the time of death,³⁷ which may differ somewhat from the age at the time of the incident.

Figure 10: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Child Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Victim Age at Time of Death (n = 155), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023

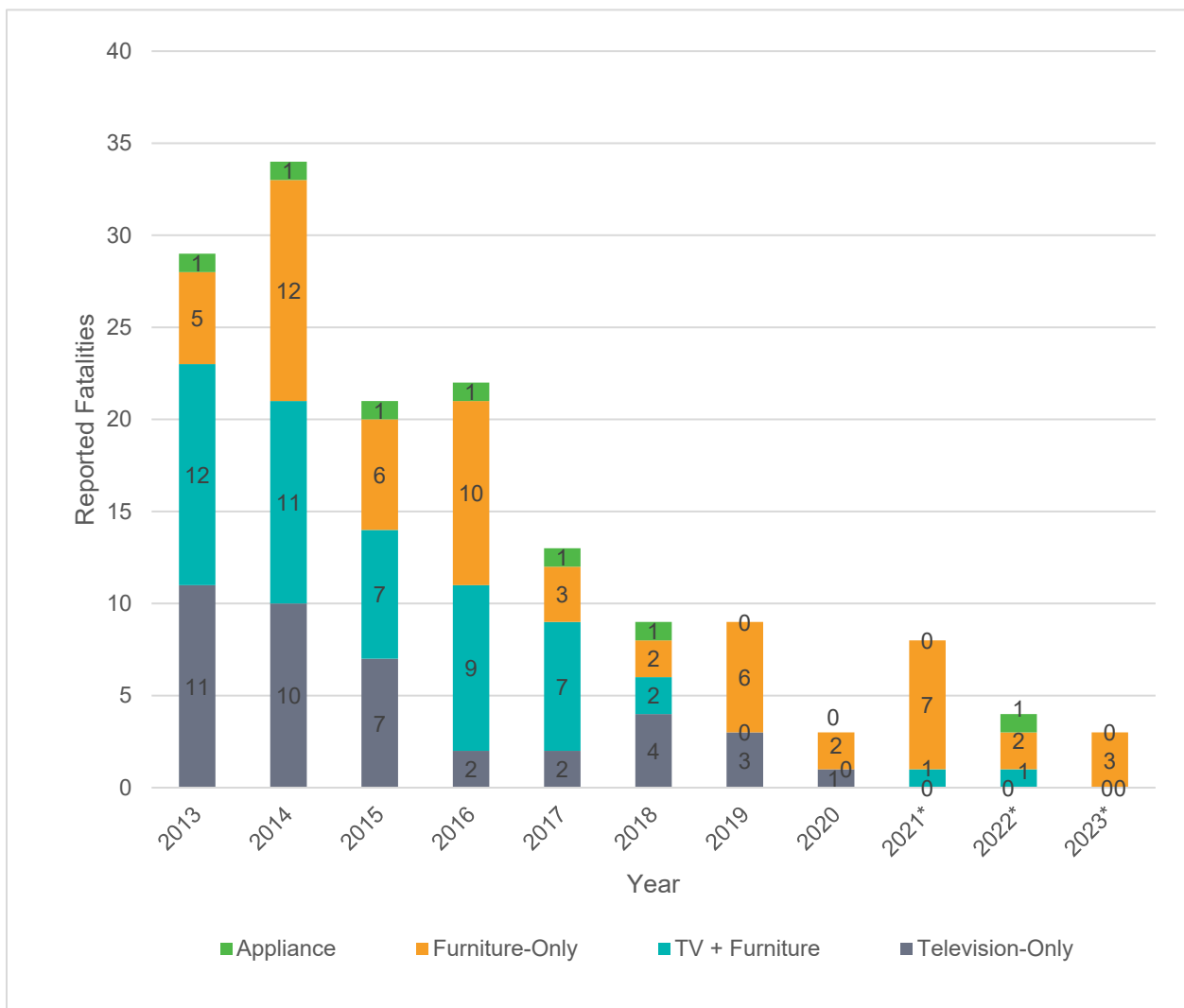


Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPRMS.

³⁷ In most cases, the age at the time of death is the same as the age at the time of incident. In a few cases, the ages differed. In some cases, the age at the time of incident or time of death was not reported.

Shown in Figure 11 are the 155 tip-over fatalities involving children divided into tip-over item categories by year, from January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023. In those approximate 10-and-a-half years of reporting, there have been at least 3 furniture-only tip-over fatalities to children in each year, with the exception of the years 2018, 2020, and 2022 (two deaths each year), and reporting is considered incomplete for the years 2021 through 2023 at the time of writing this report. There have only been 3 tip-over deaths reported involving a television between January 1, 2020 and July 31, 2023. Notice that there has been at least 1 child tip-over death involving an appliance reported to CPSC in each year from 2013 through 2018, and in 2022 too. Not shown in Figure 11, of the 16 furniture-related (furniture-only as well as television and furniture) child fatalities reported since January 1, 2020, 13 involved a chest, bureau, or dresser.

Figure 11: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Child Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Product Category (n = 155), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



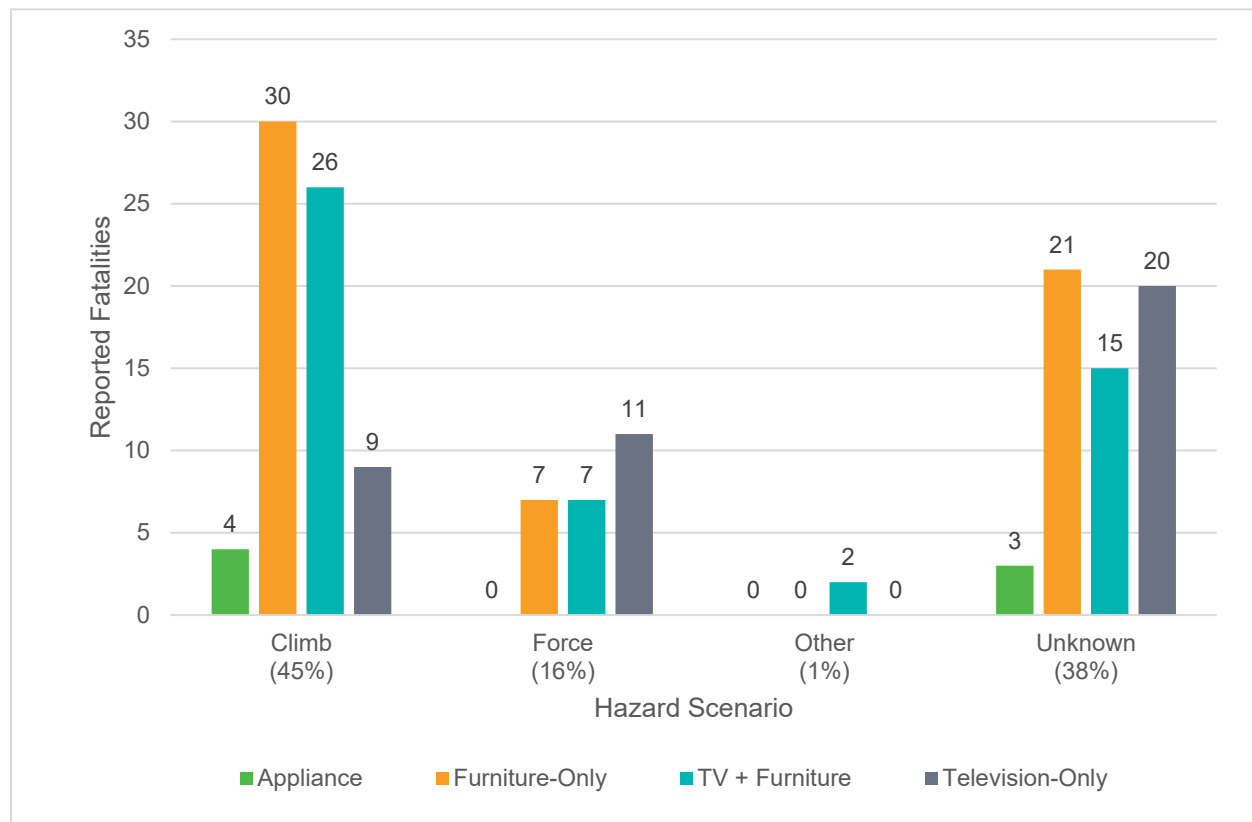
Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS. Asterisks (*) indicate ongoing reporting.

For children, the hazard scenario of how the victim was interacting with the tip-over product immediately before the tip-over incident was classified, where possible.³⁸ The scenarios for the 62 deaths involving adults and seniors did not have enough details, in most cases, to be classified.

Accordingly, Figure 12 presents frequencies of deaths for children. Of the 155 deaths involving children, 59 (38 percent) had unknown hazard scenarios, which commonly happened when the child was alone in a room when the incident took place, leaving no eyewitness to observe the tip-over incident. In many of the unknown incident scenarios, the victim could have been climbing on or applying force to the television, furniture, or appliance that tipped over.

Among the 72 known furniture-related scenarios (furniture-only as well as television and furniture) involving children, in 56 of the deaths (78 percent) the victim or another child was climbing on the television or furniture, and in 14 of the deaths (19 percent) the victim or another child was applying force in some manner other than climbing. Among the 20 television-only tip-over fatalities where the scenario is known, 11 deaths involved a child applying a force other than climbing, and 9 deaths involved a child climbing on the television. The two Other known scenarios involved furniture with a television resting on top, and the furniture spontaneously falling with no force exerted on the furniture or television prior to the tip-over occurrence.

Figure 12: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Child Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Scenario (n = 155), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



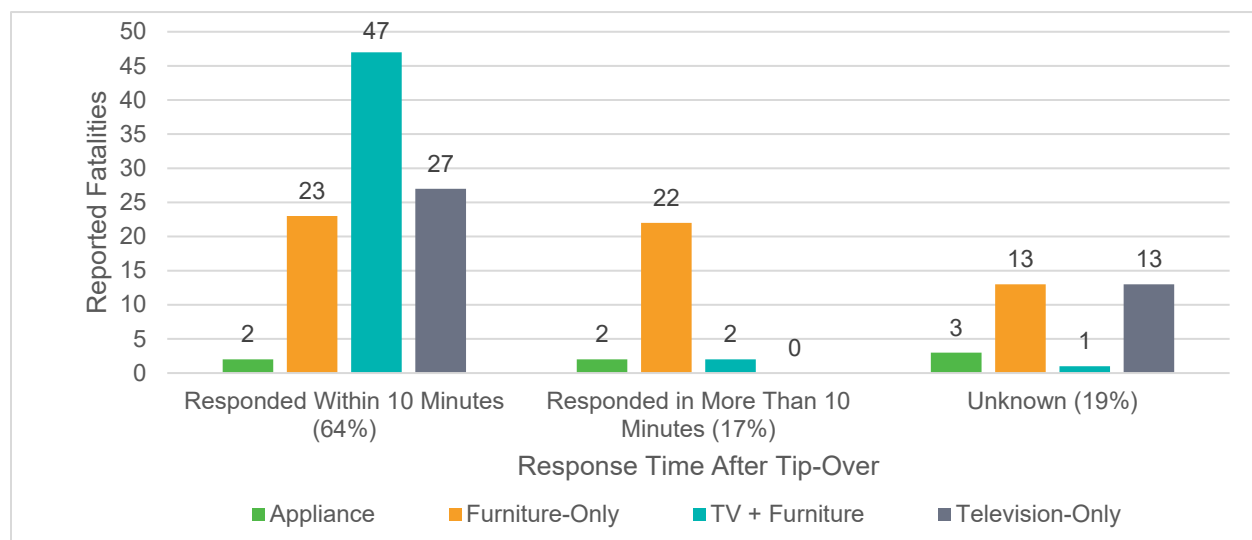
Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

³⁸ Scenario categories reflect the tip-over scenarios as precisely as possible with the available information.

For children’s deaths, the response time from when a tip-over incident occurred to the time that a caregiver found the child, began administering aid, and alerted emergency personnel were gleaned from the reports and classified, where possible. In the incidents where a caregiver *responded within 10 minutes*, a caregiver found the victim and the tipped-over television, furniture, or appliance within 10 minutes of the tip over occurring. Some examples include: a caregiver witnessed or was in the room when the incident happened, a sibling or other child witnessed the tip over and immediately alerted a caregiver, a caregiver heard the tip-over incident and immediately investigated where the loud ‘bang’ was coming from and found the victim, or the child was alone for 10 minutes or less before finding the tip-over incident. For incidents with a *delayed response of more than 10 minutes*, the child was unsupervised for at least 10 minutes before being found along with the tipped over television, furniture, or appliance. Among these incidents, there was no indication that the tip-over incident was heard, or a crash may have been heard but the loud ‘bang’ was not investigated immediately. In some cases, the victim was unsupervised for many hours, such as overnight, before being found. For incidents with an *unknown* response time, incident scenarios were described by mostly vague details. It is possible that incidents in the unknown category may have been responded to immediately or after some lapse of time after a tip over occurred—the information was not available from the reports.

Figure 13 presents the frequencies of child fatalities by response time after a tip over occurred. Among the known response times involving television-related child fatalities (including only a television, or a television and furniture), a caregiver responded within 10 minutes in 74 out of 76 fatalities (97 percent), as compared to 23 out of 45 fatalities (51 percent) involving furniture-only tip overs. There was an unknown response time after a tip over in 14 out of 90 fatalities (16 percent) of television-related fatalities and 13 out of 58 fatalities (22 percent) of furniture-only deaths.

Figure 13: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Child Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Response Time After Tip-Over (n = 155), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023³⁹

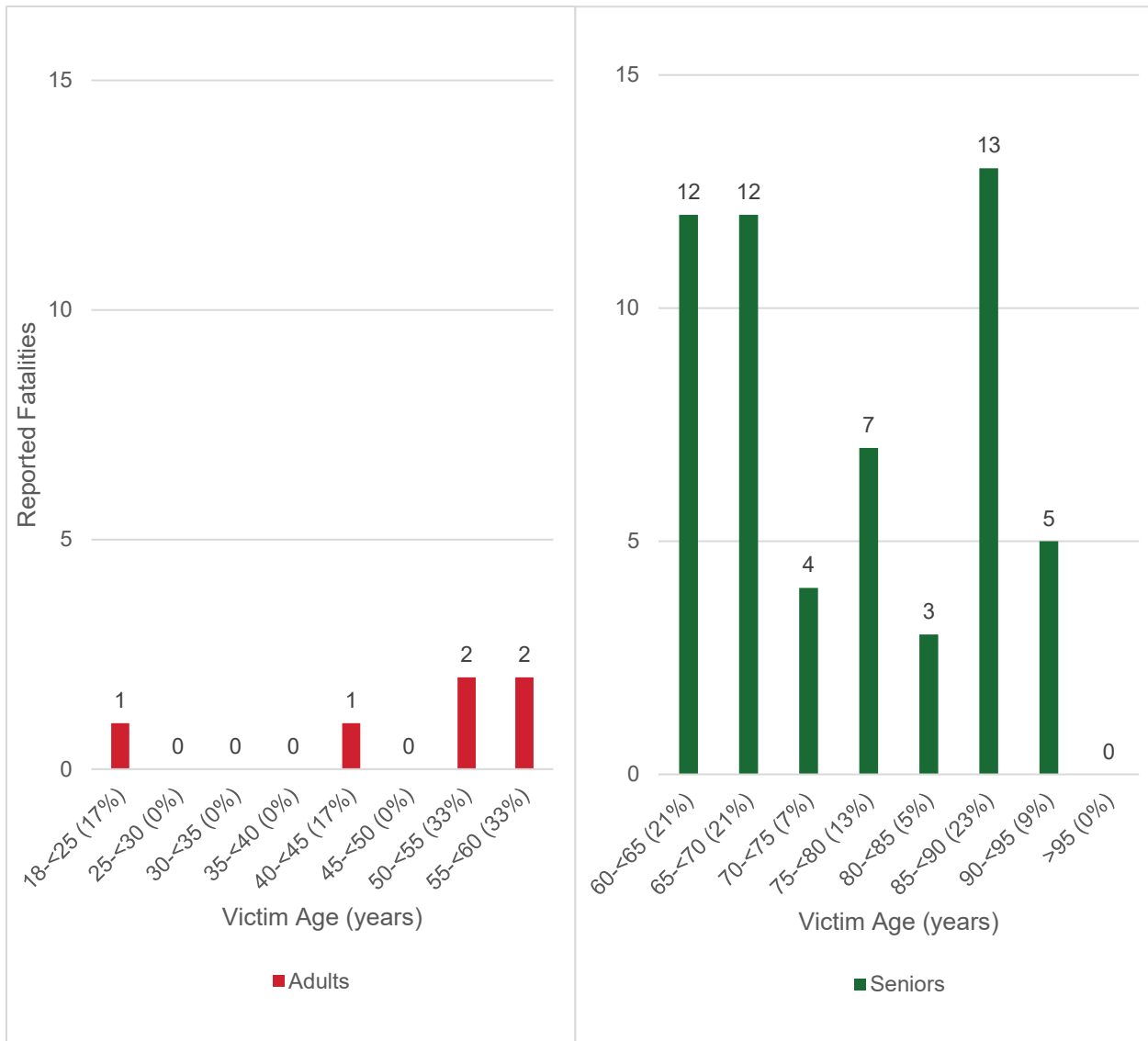


Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

³⁹ Precise time measurements are typically unavailable within the incident description (e.g., "I left for a few minutes", or "He was gone for five to ten minutes"); data are categorized based on narrative response time estimates.

Figure 14 presents the distribution of the tip-over fatalities for adults (18 to 59 years of age) and seniors (60 years and older) by age ranges. Among the 62 adult and senior tip-over deaths, 18 fatalities (29 percent) were to seniors ages 85 years or older. Of the adult fatalities, 4 out of the 6 tip-over deaths occurred to adults ages 54 to 59 years old.

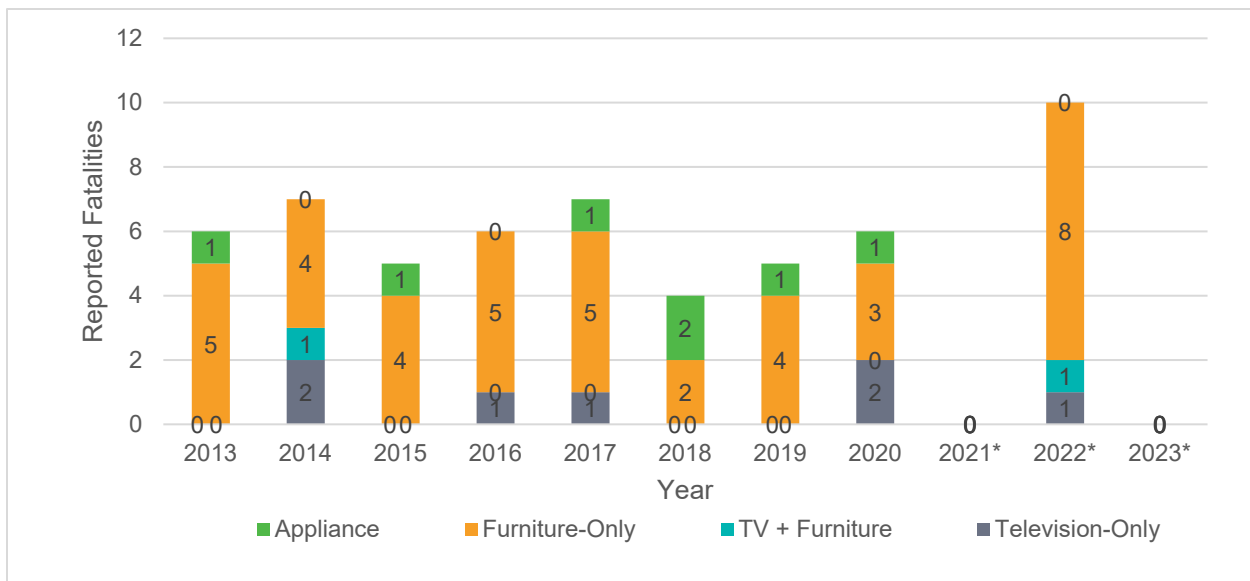
Figure 14: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Victim Age at Time of Death Among Adults (n = 6) and Seniors (n = 56), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS.

Figure 15 presents the 56 senior tip-over fatalities by tip-over item for years January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023. In those approximate 10-and-a-half years, there were between 4 and 10 senior fatalities reported in each year, except for 2021 and 2023—years where reporting is still incomplete. Between 2013 and 2022, there have been at least 2 Furniture-Only deaths to seniors in each year, apart from 2021 (zero deaths).

Figure 15: Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities Reported to CPSC by Product Category Among Seniors (n = 56), January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023



Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS. Asterisks (*) indicate ongoing reporting.

In the Injury section, based on three NEISS race/ethnicity coded variables, categories were designated for non-Hispanic Black (Black), Hispanic (all races) (Hispanic), non-Hispanic White (White), all other patients with a known race/ethnicity (Other), and patients with an unknown race/ethnicity. Tip-over fatality victims were categorized into the same race/ethnicity categories as in the Injury section of this report, but instead of being categorized based on NEISS hospital coding, the race/ethnicity of fatality victims was designated based on documents reported to CPSC.

If a victim reportedly has Hispanic heritage, then the victim is categorized as Hispanic (any race) (Hispanic), regardless of whether the victim is also identified as Black, White, or another or multiple races. Black or African American, non-Hispanic (Black) victims and White, non-Hispanic (White) victims are categorized as such if there is no indication of any other race/ethnicity describing the victim in reports. Due to small numbers of deaths reported among other or multiracial race/ethnicity groups, the race/ethnicity of victims that were known and were not categorized as either Black, Hispanic, or White were grouped into the Other (Other) race/ethnicity category. Victims with no reported information about race/ethnicity are not reported in Table 14, so that proportions of tip-over deaths by known race/ethnicity groups can be compared to the race/ethnicity proportions seen in the U.S. population.

The annual average estimated proportions of the U.S. population, among the same race/ethnicity groups described above, was found by taking the annual average proportion of each group over the period, January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, using U.S. Census data estimates from the month of July in each year.⁴⁰

From January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, the race/ethnicity of reported tip-over fatalities is known for 189 out of 217 victims (87 percent); and among the other 28 deaths (13 percent), there was no information about the race/ethnicity of the victims. From January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, 12 percent (18 out of 155 deaths) of children, 17 percent (1 out of 6 deaths) of adults, and 16 percent (9 out of 56 deaths) of seniors were victims with no race/ethnicity reported. To make comparisons between the proportions of people in the U.S. population and the proportions of reported tip-over deaths by race/ethnicity, all deaths where the race/ethnicity is unknown is not reported in Table 14.

Table 14 presents the 189 tip-over-related fatalities where the race/ethnicity of the victim is known, from January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, by age group and the race/ethnicity of the victims. The proportions of tip-over deaths in Table 14 are based on 137 children, 5 adult, and 47 senior deaths of victims with a known race/ethnicity.

Table 14: Proportion of Reported Product Instability or Tip-Over-Related Fatalities of Patients with Known Race/Ethnicity⁴¹ and the Annual Average Estimated Proportions of the U.S. Population by Race/Ethnicity by Age Group, January 1, 2013-July 31, 2023 (Annual Average Estimated Proportions of the U.S. Population by Race/Ethnicity for each Age Group)

<u>Race / Ethnicity</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>(<1 to 17 years)</u> <u>(N = 137)</u>	<u>Adults</u> <u>(18 to 59 years)</u> <u>(N = 5)</u>	<u>Seniors</u> <u>(60 years and older)</u> <u>(N = 47)</u>	<u>All Ages</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(N = 189)</u>
Total	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (100%)
White, Non-Hispanic*	45% (51%)	100% (59%)	89% (75%)	58% (61%)
Black / African American, Non-Hispanic*	32% (14%)	– (13%)	11% (10%)	26% (13%)
Hispanic (Any Race)	18% (25%)	– (19%)	– (9%)	13% (18%)
Other ⁴²	4% (10%)	– (9%)	– (6%)	3% (9%)

Source: CPSC databases, including NEISS and CPSRMS. Asterisks (*) indicate Race/Ethnicity designations are for reported single race only. Percentages may not sum to 100, due to rounding.

⁴⁰ The U.S. population estimate for each age and race/ethnicity group is an average over all years 2013–2022, along with a 7/12 'weight' for the year 2023 to account for fatalities reportedly occurring between the months January and July 2023. The U.S. Census estimates used are from the month of July from each year, found at [US Census Population Estimates for years 2013-2023](#).

⁴¹ From January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, the race/ethnicity of reported tip-over fatalities is known for 189 out of 217 victims (87 percent). All of the proportions of reported tip-over fatalities presented in Table 14 are based on proportions of the 87 percent of all reported tip-over fatalities where the race/ethnicity of the victim is known, which does not account for the 13 percent of tip-over deaths where the race/ethnicity of the victim is not known.

⁴² The Other category includes the proportion of the U.S. population that are not counted among the non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic, or non-Hispanic White people in U.S. Census figures.

From January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, of the White tip-over victims, compared to the proportion of White people in the U.S. population, there are:

- proportionately fewer White children (45 percent victims versus 51 percent in the population);
- all 4 adults where the race/ethnicity is known were White adults compared to 59 percent in the population); and
- proportionately more White senior (89 percent victims versus 75 percent in the population) tip-over deaths.

From January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, of the Black tip-over victims, compared to the proportion of Black people in the U.S. population, there are:

- proportionately more Black children (32 percent victims versus 14 percent in the population); and
- about the same proportion of Black senior (11 percent victims versus 10 percent in the population) tip-over deaths.

From January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2023, of the Hispanic children tip-over victims, compared to the proportion of Hispanic children in the U.S. population, there are proportionately fewer Hispanic children (18 percent victims to 25 percent in the population) tip-over deaths. Among the children tip-over victims of Other races/ethnicities, compared to their proportion of the U.S. population, there are fewer children (4 percent victims to 10 percent in the population) tip-over deaths. There were only 5 non-child deaths to a person of another known race/ethnicity other than White, and those 5 deaths were to Black seniors.

Not shown in Table 14, out of the 137 children tip-over deaths where the race/ethnicity is known, Black, non-Hispanic children compose 11 out of 34 television-only, 20 out of 47 television and furniture, 10 out of 51 furniture-only, and 3 out of 6 appliance-only tip-over deaths, while Black, non-Hispanic children compose only 14 percent of children in the U.S. population.

Appendix A

Methodology for Selecting Product Instability or Tip-Over Injuries and Fatalities Associated with Televisions, Furniture, and Appliances

For this report, a multidisciplinary team of CPSC staff developed the terminology, the types of products of interest, and the types of product-associated instability or tip-over incidents that are to be considered in-scope. The focus is on heavy objects that tip over and fall on an individual usually due to some type of interaction, such as climbing or exerting a force on the object while it is in one of its positions of normal use. This interaction with the product results in the center of gravity of the product changing. Staff considered incidents that involved the furniture or appliance item tipping over, as well as incidents of instability with indications of impending tip over. Tip-over incidents are a subset of product instability incidents and involve furniture items falling over. Product instability incidents are a broader category that includes tip-over incidents but may also include incidents where furniture items did not fully tip over. Staff considered instability incidents relevant because product instability can lead to a tip over, and the same factors, such as product design, can contribute to instability and tip overs.

Staff determined that televisions, furniture, and appliances listed in Appendix B have the greatest risk of tipping over and potentially causing serious or fatal injuries. In examining the types of products to include, staff considered the product's potential to fall, and the product's purpose, size, location, and weight. The additional criterion of the potential interaction of the individual with the product was also important. Generally, the focus is on furniture that: is large or heavy and has the potential to cause serious injury or death; has a normal resting location and is rarely moved from that normal resting location during day-to-day activity; and is not usually meant to be interacted with using excessive force. Products intended to be sat on or laid upon, such as chairs, couches, and beds, were excluded due to the emphasis on products that are not intended to be frequently moved or interacted with using excessive force.

A television or an appliance falling in combination with the furniture (that it is resting in or on) is counted only in the furniture category, when incidents are divided into television, furniture, or appliance categories in this annual report. Generally, if furniture falls while either a television or an appliance is resting in or on top of the furniture, then the television or appliance will also fall. Using this logic, it makes sense to categorize these incidents by putting them all into the furniture category, even though the injury or death scenario often is caused by a person, usually a child, being drawn to interact with or interacting with a television or appliance that is sitting atop or in free-standing furniture. When the product falls on an individual, the injuries typically involve crushing or compression.

The potential product codes were determined from furniture products associated with televisions, furniture, and appliances that meet the criteria described above and in Appendix B. Table 15 identifies the product codes used to extract the instability or tip-over incidents for televisions, furniture, and appliances.

Table 15: Potential Instability or Tip-Over Television, Furniture, and Appliance Product Codes⁴³

<u>Product Category</u>	<u>NEISS Product Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
Television	557	Computers (equipment and electronic games)
Television	572	Televisions
Furniture	519	Television tables or stands
Furniture	604	Desks, chests, bureaus, or buffets
Furniture	693	Footlockers
Furniture	709	Safes
Furniture	1260	Billiards or pool (activity, apparel, or equipment)
Furniture	1269	Table Tennis (activity, apparel, or equipment)
Furniture	1684	Carts, other, or not specified
Furniture	1726	Lockers
Furniture	4013	Other furniture
Furniture	4014	Furniture, not specified
Furniture	4056	Cabinets, racks, room dividers, and shelves
Furniture	4057	Tables (excl. baby changing tables, billiard tables, or pool tables)
Furniture	4065	Clocks, electric or battery operated
Furniture	4067	Clocks, not electric or battery operated or not specified
Appliance	101	Washing machines without wringers or other dryers
Appliance	102	Wringer washing machines
Appliance	106	Electric clothes dryers without washers
Appliance	107	Gas clothes dryers without washers
Appliance	126	Washing machines, not specified
Appliance	127	Clothes dryers, not specified
Appliance	135	Washer-Dryer combinations (within one frame)
Appliance	140	Washing machines, other or not specified
Appliance	259	Electric ranges (with ovens)
Appliance	260	Gas ranges (with ovens)
Appliance	263	Freezers (separate from refrigerators)
Appliance	264	Microwave ovens
Appliance	266	Ovens, not specified
Appliance	267	Other ranges (with ovens)
Appliance	273	Ranges, not specified
Appliance	276	Refrigerators
Appliance	278	Electric ranges or ovens (excl. counter-top ovens)
Appliance	279	Gas ranges or ovens

⁴³ The source for product codes and descriptions is the NEISS Coding Manual (January 2022). The January 2022 NEISS coding manual can be found at: [January 2022 NEISS Coding Manual \(cpsc.gov\)](https://www.cpsc.gov/January-2022-NEISS-Coding-Manual).

Appliance	280	Other ranges or ovens
Appliance	281	Ranges or ovens, not specified
Appliance	482	Appliances, other and not specified
Appliance	1821	Clotheslines or clothes drying racks (excluding poles)
Appliance	3233	Other grills or stoves

After staff established the set of product codes, the next step was to determine the types of scenarios to look for in the incident narratives. Narrative key word searches were not used when extracting a potential set of data because the narrative field descriptions have many possible word choices, misspellings, and sentence structures. Additionally, narratives from NEISS, medical examiner reports, and death certificates are often very terse and provide only basic information. Consequently, the NEISS product codes listed in Table 15 and the incident date range were the criteria used to extract the data sets; then, the narratives were examined, along with other variables such as location of the tip-over incident, using detailed heuristics, to determine if an incident met the instability or tip-over criteria explained in Appendix B. In Appendix B, additional details describe the products and conventions that are used to determine in-scope cases, and some examples are also given to explain what products and which instability or tip-over scenarios are considered in-scope.

Background on Product Instability or Tip-Over Injuries in the NEISS

NEISS data are based on a nationally representative probability sample consisting of patient visits to about 100 hospitals in the United States and its territories.⁴⁴ The total number of hospital emergency department visits nationwide in the United States are estimated from the probability sample, as well as derivation of estimates for age groups, products, injury types, disposition, and body parts for particular years, or combinations of these criteria, among others. CPSC reports publish NEISS estimates provided the sample count is 20 or greater, the national estimate is 1,200 or greater, and the coefficient of variation (CV) is 0.33 or less. However, if a 3-year total estimate meets the above criteria, even if the annual average estimate fails, then those estimates are presented in the NEISS section of this report. This means an estimated 3-year annual average of less than 400 injuries is not presented in this report. Because the hospital reports in NEISS are unique, there are no duplicates.

The most recent injury estimates were based on 2022 NEISS data; this was merged with data from last year’s report, which covered the years 2012 through 2021, resulting in the current report covering the 2013 through 2022 reporting period. After careful consideration of scope criteria (described in Appendix B), some incidents in the previous annual report were re-evaluated to ensure that the criteria for inclusion were applied consistently. The changes that followed are listed below:

- Four NEISS cases were moved from the “Hispanic, all races” category to ‘race unknown’ due to not knowing the race/ethnicity, based on coding in the variable “RaceOth”.

Some product instability or tip-over-related injury victims survive the initial impact but succumb to their injuries while being treated in an emergency department. In the NEISS data from 2013 through 2022, there are 11 such injuries which resulted in death after the victim was sent to and treated in the emergency department. These 11 deaths have been included in the

⁴⁴ NEISS data can be accessed from the CPSC webpage under the “Access NEISS” link at: [National Electronic Injury Surveillance System \(NEISS\) | CPSC.gov](https://www.cpsc.gov/Access-NEISS).

calculation of the national injury estimates for 2013 through 2022, and in the fatality analysis presented in this report. Of these 11 deaths, three occurred between 2020 and 2022 and are part of 3-year annual averages throughout the injury section.

Background on Product Instability or Tip-Over Fatalities in the NEISS and the CPRMS

Fatality data were extracted on August 3, 2023, from the NEISS and the CPRMS (Consumer Product Safety Risk Management System) for instability or tip-over fatalities involving the television, furniture, and appliance product codes listed in Table 15, covering deaths occurring between January 1, 2013 and July 31, 2023. Data collected in 2023 were merged with the data used in the last annual report (extracted July 1, 2022). It should be noted that, for a given year, incidents are received on an ongoing basis and there is commonly a lag of about two years between when many fatalities occur and when they are first reported to CPSC. For this report, fatality counts should be considered incomplete for years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Additionally, it is not uncommon that multiple reports about a single fatality are received in the CPRMS, therefore source documents are carefully checked to eliminate duplicate incident reports. As fatal incidents are notable events in the community where they occur, often there are multiple news reports, a medical examiner's report, a death certificate, an in-depth investigation initiated by CPSC staff, and less frequently, a NEISS report. Reports come from various types of sources, including newspaper clippings, consumer complaints, and reports from other government agencies, such as medical examiners/coroners. Accordingly, CPRMS data are anecdotal and represent at least a minimum for all fatalities that have occurred nationwide. Once the fatality data set is established, the incidents are examined to code additional scenario characteristics, such as victim age and sex, furniture type, incident location, injury type, and response time. Public locations include nursing homes and assisted living facilities in both the NEISS injury estimates and in the fatality section, and generally only affect the senior age group.

For this report, CPSC has received new reports of tip-over fatalities that occurred between 2019 and 2023 as well as additional information on some of the tip-over fatalities that appeared in past reports. This has necessitated a re-evaluation of previous fatality categorizations for better consistency of the data. Following the re-evaluation of the fatality statistics presented in the 2022 report, the changes that followed are listed below:

- One fatality, which occurred in 2020 to a child involving a safe, has been excluded based on recently received information from investigation documents clarifying the safe was not positioned in a normal resting location when the incident occurred. The newly received documents clarified that the safe was placed on a trailer attached to a truck when the product fell.

Fatalities in this report are reported as counts from CPSC data, and injury estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred. Injury estimate category percentages were based on the category-weighted estimates before rounding; fatality category percentages were based on the category counts observed.

Race and Ethnicity Variables and Specifications

Among the NEISS data are three variables: "Race," "RaceOth," and "Hispanic," which record information about the race or ethnicity of ED-treated patients. This information is provided by the patient. Every NEISS patient has been coded for Race, and potentially coded for RaceOth for elaboration purposes, since at least the year 2006. The Hispanic variable has

been recorded for all NEISS patients seen since July 1, 2018, so as of the writing of this report, the most recent complete year of reporting for this variable is 2019. Analysis concerning race/ethnicity for the annual average estimated number of ED-treated tip-over injuries is based on the NEISS data from the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, which corresponds to the same 3 years for the 3-year annual averages used in most of the NEISS section of this report. A combination of the variables Race, RaceOth, and Hispanic is needed to estimate the proportion of tip-over injuries of Hispanic heritage among all tip-over injuries; this proportion may be compared to proportions of other races/ethnicities regarding tip-over injury estimates. Within the January 2022 NEISS coding manual are descriptions of these race/ethnicity variables.

From the January 2022 NEISS Coding Manual

Hispanic?

(1 character)

If the ED Record ...	Then Code
indicates the patient is a person of Hispanic, Latino/Latina, or Spanish origin.	1-Yes
indicates the patient is not a person of Hispanic, Latino/Latina, or Spanish origin.	2-No
does not indicate whether the patient is of Hispanic, Latino/Latina, or Spanish origin.	0-Unknown

Race

(1 character)

Definition	Code Race
A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.	1-White
A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.	2-Black/African American
Use this code when: (1) the ED record indicates <u>more than one race (e.g., multiracial, biracial)</u> , or (2) the race is stated in the ED record and <u>none of the above</u> applies.	3-Other (then enter race specified by ED record in the Race Other field)
A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent.	4-Asian
A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.	5-American Indian/Alaska Native
A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.	6-Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
Use this code when there is <u>no information</u> in the ED record.	0-Not stated

Table 16 presents how NEISS patients were categorized by race/ethnicity in this report based on the three race/ethnicity variables: Hispanic, RaceOth, and Race.

Table 16: NEISS Patient Race/Ethnicity Categorization

<u>NEISS Coded Variables</u>		<u>Coded in this Report</u>	
<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Race Oth</u> ⁴⁵	<u>Race</u> ⁴⁶	<u>Race / Ethnicity Category</u>
1 - Yes	Indicates Hispanic Heritage	1 - White	Hispanic (Any Race)
		2 - Black/African American	Hispanic (Any Race)
		3, 4, 5, 6 - Other Races	Hispanic (Any Race)
		0 - Unknown	Hispanic (Any Race)
1 - Yes	Does not Indicate Hispanic Heritage	1 - White	Hispanic (Any Race)
		2 - Black/African American	Hispanic (Any Race)
		3, 4, 5, 6 - Other Races	Hispanic (Any Race)
		0 - Unknown	Hispanic (Any Race)
2 - No	Indicates Hispanic Heritage	1 - White	Hispanic (Any Race)
		2 - Black/African American	Hispanic (Any Race)
		3, 4, 5, 6 - Other Races	Hispanic (Any Race)
		0 - Unknown	Hispanic (Any Race)
2 - No	Does not Indicate Hispanic Heritage	1 - White	White, Non-Hispanic
		2 - Black/African American	Black/African American, Non-Hispanic
		3 - Other (Unspecified Race) ⁴⁷	Unknown (not included in Table 9)
		3, 4, 5, 6 - Other Specified Races	Other
		0 - Unknown	Unknown (not included in Table 9)
3 - Unknown	Indicates Hispanic Heritage	1 - White	Hispanic (Any Race)
		2 - Black/African American	Hispanic (Any Race)
		3, 4, 5, 6 - Other Races	Hispanic (Any Race)
		0 - Unknown	Hispanic (Any Race)
3 - Unknown	Does not Indicate Hispanic Heritage	1 - White	White, Non-Hispanic
		2 - Black/African American	Black/African American, Non-Hispanic
		3 - Other (Unspecified Race)	Unknown (not included in Table 9)
		3, 4, 5, 6 - Other Specified Races	Other
		0 - Unknown	Unknown (not included in Table 9)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: NEISS.

⁴⁵ Some examples of responses recorded in the variable "RaceOth" that indicate Hispanic heritage are: "Hispanic," "Hisp," "Hist," "H," "Latino," "Mexican," and "Spanish."

⁴⁶ Race variable coding, January 2022 NEISS Coding Manual (above).

⁴⁷ In cases in which a patient has Race coded as 3 (Other); Hispanic coded as either 2 (No) or 0 (Unknown); and (1) RaceOth is coded as a variation of 'other', 'not specified', or 'unknown', then the patient is categorized in the Unknown category in this report and is not included in analysis in Table 12; and (2) if any race/ethnicity is specified in the RaceOth variable, including "Biracial" and "Multiracial", then the patient is categorized in the Other category.

Patients with no known information about race/ethnicity from the three race/ethnicity variables are not reported in Table 12, so that proportions of the estimated number of tip-over injuries of *known* race/ethnicity patients can be compared to the race/ethnicity proportions seen in the U.S. population.

For reported tip-over fatalities, race/ethnicity is defined similarly to the NEISS data, such that if a victim is referred to as having Hispanic heritage then the victim is categorized as Hispanic (all races) (Hispanic), regardless of whether the victim is also identified as Black, White, or another race/ethnicity. Non-Hispanic, Black or African American (Black) victims and non-Hispanic White (White) victims are categorized as such if there is no indication of any other race/ethnicity describing the victim in reports. Due to small numbers of deaths reported among other or Multiracial race/ethnicity groups, the race/ethnicity of victims that are known and are not categorized as either Black, Hispanic, or White were grouped into the Other race/ethnicity category. Victims with no reported information about race/ethnicity are not reported in Table 14, so that proportions of tip-over deaths by known race/ethnicity groups can be compared to the race/ethnicity proportions seen in the U.S. population.

Appendix B

Conventions for Determining In-Scope Incidents

NEISS incidents often have a terse narrative; accordingly, staff used a more stringent set of rules when examining this NEISS set of potential instability or tip-over incidents compared to fatalities extracted from the other CPSC epidemiological database (CPSRMS). The included instability or tip-over incidents generally use such words to describe the incident: fall/fell on/over, tilted/tipped forward, tilted/tipped over, began to tip, tipped, and unstable/wobbly with additional indications of an impending fall. Excluded are incidents described using the following words: break, collapse, fell apart, flimsy, shaky, unstable, or wobbly with no additional indications of tipping or falling. This appendix lists the types of products and incident scenarios included in the NEISS and fatality instability or tip-over incidents associated with televisions, furniture, and appliances. To maintain the consistency of data, some reclassifications compared with past reports may not be apparent, due to rounding.

Unstable items included in the counts⁴⁸:

- Appliances
- Dryer
- Freezer
- Microwave
- Refrigerator (Include: mini fridge)
- Stove/Oven
- Washing machine
- Electronics (All other electronics are not included in the count)
- Computer screen/monitor (Exclude: “computer” and laptop)
- Television
- Furniture
- Armoire
- Bookcase
- Bureau
- Cabinet (Exclude: kitchen and medicine)
- Cart (Include only: microwave and TV)
- Chest (Exclude: jewelry and falling off shelf)

⁴⁸ If the type of furniture or appliance is not specified in the narrative, then the incident is not included. Examples include the item that caused the injury being described by only the terms “furniture” or “appliance” in the narrative.

- Cupboard
- Desk (Exclude: at schools)
- Display case (Include only: in-home locations)
- Dresser
- Clocks, long case (Exclude: all other clocks)
- Game Tables (Include only: “game table”, ping pong, and pool)
- Locker (Include only: in-home locations)
- Pedestal
- Plant stand
- Rack (Include only: coat rack)
- Room divider
- Safe (Exclude: falling off shelf)
- Safety strap (Include: tethering in-scope items to a wall)
(Exclude: mounting items on a wall)
- Shelf (Exclude: in closets and in stores)
- Stand (Include only: microwave, night, and TV)
- Table (Include: picnic and folding tables)
(Exclude: TV tray tables)
- Vanity
- Wall unit
- Wardrobe

Locations where incidents occurred included in the counts:

- Store (Exclude: cart, display case, rack, and shelf)
- School (Exclude: desk and locker)
- Other public locations (Exclude: locker)

Sample scenarios that involved an injury included in the counts:⁴⁹

- “tried to catch”
- Example: The patient tried to catch a falling TV and injured foot.

⁴⁹ These incident types are counted when a narrative implies an instability or tip-over incident occurred and is the reason for the hospital visit.

- Example: While at school the patient tried to stop a room divider from falling over and injured head.
- “found under” (Exclude: desk and table)
- Example: Mom heard a loud crash, and she found her son lying under a dresser.
- “pulled on self”
- Example: The infant pulled a TV down onto herself.
- Example: Grandma started to fall when she pulled a dresser onto herself to try to keep her balance.
- “drop” or “move”
- If a child 9 years old or younger “drops” or attempts to “move” an in-scope television, furniture, or appliance item by her/himself and the item tips over, causing the child to die or to seek hospital treatment, then the incident is counted as a tip-over incident.
- Any incident involving a person 10 years old or older who “drops” or attempts to “move” an in-scope item is not considered a tip-over incident for this report.

Unstable items not included in the counts:

- Falls of wall-mounted televisions/appliances are excluded. Furniture that is tethered or secured to the wall for the purpose of preventing a tip-over incident is included.
- Incidents where ambiguity in the narrative prevented proper classification:
- What is the item that fell?
- Example: The patient was sitting next to an unstable table while leaning back in her chair when it fell over and landed on her. (It is unclear if ‘it’ refers to the table or the chair.)
- Which event caused the patient to seek treatment at the hospital?
- Example: The patient has a skull fracture. Either the patient bumped his head on a cabinet today, or yesterday a TV fell off a dresser onto his head. (It is unclear for which incident the patient is being treated at the hospital.)
- Action verbs alone that do not describe instability, such as assemble, brake, collapse, drop, fix, hit, struck, and move.
- Components of furniture such as a door, drawer, handle, knob, panel, table leaf, and tabletop.
- Furniture intended to be sat upon or laid on, such as a bed, bench, bleacher, chair, couch, futon, glider, love seat, recliner, and seat.

- Out-of-scope Appliance (examples): air conditioner, blender, boiler, broiler, crock pot, fan, food processor, fryer, heater (electric or gas), rice cooker, stove hood/fan, toaster, toaster oven, trash compactor, and vacuum.
- Out-of-scope Electronics (examples): cable box, DVD/VCR player, video game system, radio, and speaker.
- Out-of-scope Storage furniture (examples): barrel, box, cage, can, case, container, crate, hutch, tank, and trunk.
- Other out-of-scope household items (examples): all baby furniture, all power tools, aquarium, book, candle, candleholder, figurine, fireplace, mantel, mirror, newspaper box, pan, podium, pot, railing, skillet, slot machine, statue, toolbox, TV tray table, vase, and yard compactor.