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### Prevalence of child accidents

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#### ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Data from the World Health Organization indicate that about 830,000 children die each year from external causes (violence and accidents). In Brazil, in 2012, there were 3,142 deaths of children aged 0-9 years due to external causes, which is considered a serious national public health problem. **Objectives:** To analyze the literature on the prevalence rates by type of accidents in children aged 5 to 10 years. **Methodology:** The research was carried out at the LILACS, Periodicals CAPES, PubMed and MEDLINE databases. The following terms were considered descriptors: “Prevalence”, “Accidents”, “Violence” and “Child.” Articles were published between September 1997 and 2017. **Results:** Of the 386 articles found, only six were included in the review. The prevalence rates were higher in accidents due to falls (54.2 to 22.7%), lower in cases of transport / transit accidents (51.9 to 14.2%) and extremely low in cases of burns (5.2% 1.5%) **Conclusion:** The literature on children’s accidents is still incipient due to the complexity and wideness of the phenomenon, as well as the need for further investigations on preventive strategies aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of children that result from these events.

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