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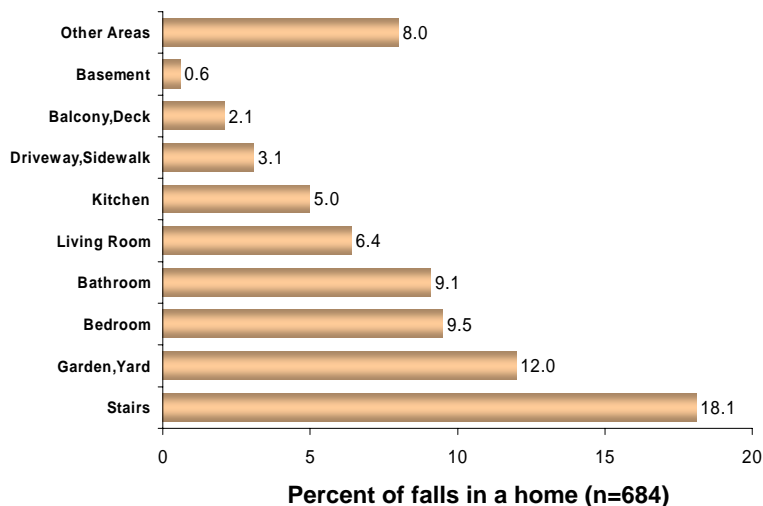
INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH FALLS BY SENIORS

CHIRPP database, 2002, ages 65 years and older—1,641 records.

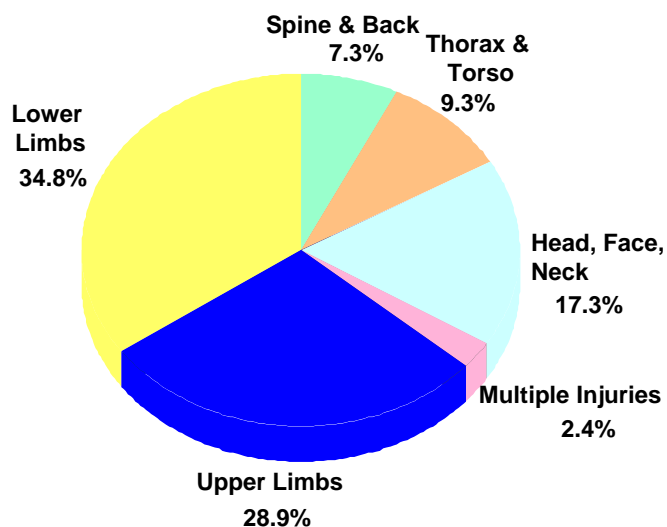
AGE & SEX DISTRIBUTION

Age Group	Falls % of Age Group	% Female
65-69	47.8	55.5
70-74	54.7	66.3
75-79	57.3	64.4
80-84	65.3	69.6
85+	70.3	71.3
Total	58.4	65.8

FALLS AT OWN HOME OR OTHER HOME



INJURED BODY REGIONS*



*0.1% of injured body regions are unknown

HIGHLIGHTS

- 58% of seniors seen in CHIRPP emergency departments had fallen
- the frequency of fall-related injuries among seniors increased with age
- 42% of the seniors had fallen at their own or another home
- hip fractures accounted for 17% of all injuries and 49% of the lower limb injuries related to falls
- one in three seniors had suffered upper limb injuries and one in six had suffered head, face and neck injuries
- 30% of the seniors seen were admitted to hospital, that is 1.4 times the rate for all other seniors' injuries and five times the rate for the entire CHIRPP database

For additional information on the CHIRPP program, please contact the Injury & Child Maltreatment Section, by phone at (613) 957-4689, by FAX at (613) 941-9927 or visit our website at www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/injury-bles/

