

# Tampa Injury Lawyer Shares Study on Stair-Related Injuries in Children

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According to a [new study](#) published in the April issue of *Pediatrics*, a young child is treated every six minutes in a U.S. emergency room for a stair-related injury. As a Tampa injury lawyer notes, this adds up to more than 93,000 emergency room visits annually for injuries to children who are injured on stairs.

Researchers at Nationwide Children's Hospital's Center for Injury Research and Policy tracked stair-related emergency room visits of children under the age of five from 1999 to 2008 using the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. They found that:

- 76 percent of injuries on stairs are head and neck injuries
- 25 percent of injuries to children under the age of one happened when they were being carried by an adult
- 16 percent of injuries to children under the age of one were from baby walkers on stairs

Researchers said that installing stair gates and adult supervision is key to preventing children from being injured on stairs. Other ways to prevent stair injuries include:

- Keep objects off stairs and be sure stairways are well maintained
- Adults should not carry other objects when they are carrying a child, and use a free hand to hold on to the handrail
- Do not use a baby stroller or walker on the stairs when a child is strapped in; use an elevator or carry the child.

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