

# PLAYGROUND INJURIES FOR KIDS 5 - 14 IN ALBERTA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, 2013 - 2022

EACH YEAR IN ALBERTA,  
THERE ARE **4,402**  
**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
VISITS FOR **CHILDREN**  
AGED 5 TO 14 YEARS  
FOR **PLAYGROUND-RELATED** INJURIES



THAT'S ABOUT  
**12 VISITS**  
**PER DAY**

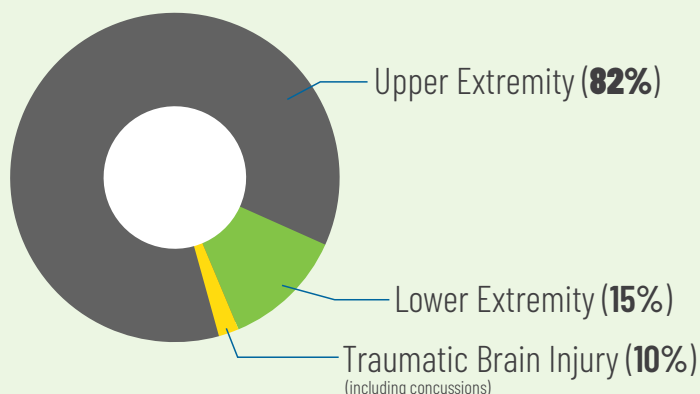


**42%** OF THESE  
PLAYGROUND INJURIES ARE  
**FRACTURES**

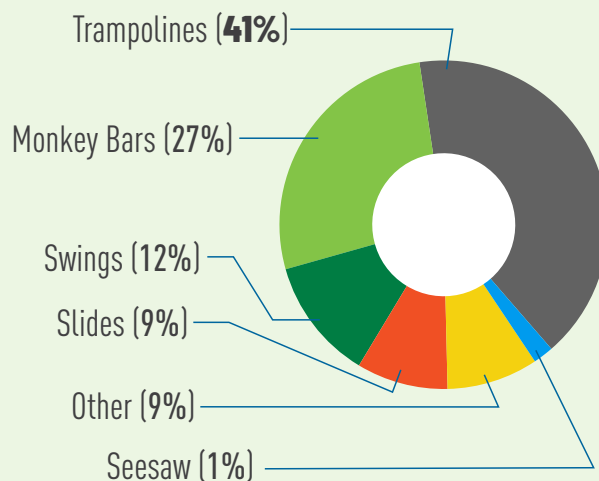
PLAYGROUND INJURIES **COST** EACH YEAR, ALBERTANS

**\$1.4 MILLION<sup>†</sup>**

## DISTRIBUTION OF INJURIES



## PERCENTAGES OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN INJURY\*



<sup>†</sup>Average Costing from 2021 - 2022

\* Of the playground equipment identified.

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### PLAYGROUND SAFETY TIPS

- » Never wear a helmet on playground equipment
- » Dress for the equipment - proper footwear, no loose scarves
- » Play on age-appropriate equipment
- » Ensure playground equipment and protective surfaces are free of hazards