



Child injuries in the home: examples of inequalities across EU member states

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The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that every child from birth until 18 years of age has the right to the highest attainable level of health and the right to a safe environment.

Therefore, we have a duty to ensure children's rights to safety.

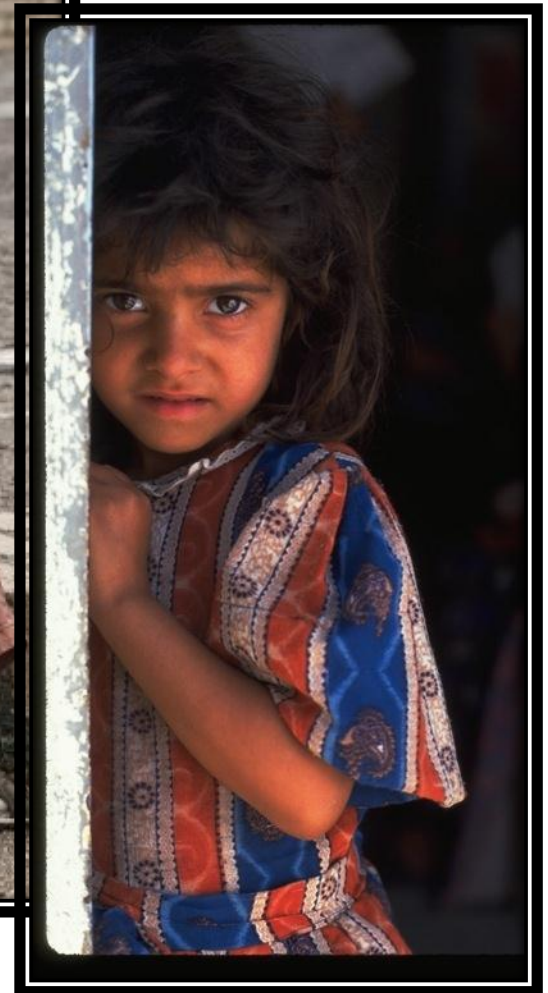


Top causes of death in male children 0-19 years in the EU27¹

< 1 year	1-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-19 years
Perinatal conditions 51%	Injuries 28%	Injuries 31%	Injuries 40%	Injuries 69%
Congenital malformations 26%	Congenital malformations 15%	Cancer 25%	Cancer 19%	Cancer 8%
Respiratory disease 3%	Cancer 13%	Nervous system disease 9%	Congenital malformations 6%	Nervous system disease 6%
Nervous system disease 3%	Nervous system disease 10%	Congenital malformations 9%	Circulatory disorders 5%	Circulatory disorders 4%
Injuries 3%	Infectious disease 7%	Respiratory disease 5%	Endocrine disorders 5%	Respiratory disease 3%
Infectious disease 2%	Respiratory disease 7%	Endocrine disorders 5%	Respiratory disease 4%	Congenital malformations 3%
Endocrine disorders 1%	Endocrine disorders 4%	Circulatory disorders 4%	Nervous system disease 3%	Endocrine disorders 2%
Circulatory disorders 1%	Circulatory disorders 4%	Infectious disease 2%	Infectious disease 2%	Infectious disease 1%
Digestive disorders 1%	Digestive disorders 3%	Blood disorders 2%	Blood disorders 1%	Digestive disorders 1%
Cancer 1%	Blood disorders 3%	Digestive disorders 1%	Digestive disorders 1%	Mental disorders 1%

¹ Data source: WHO European Detailed Mortality Database – percentages based on 2008-2010 or the 3 most recent years of data available using ICD10; ICD10 Chapter 18 [symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified] excluded from table and EU27 data does not include Greece as only ICD9 coding available.

The home environment...



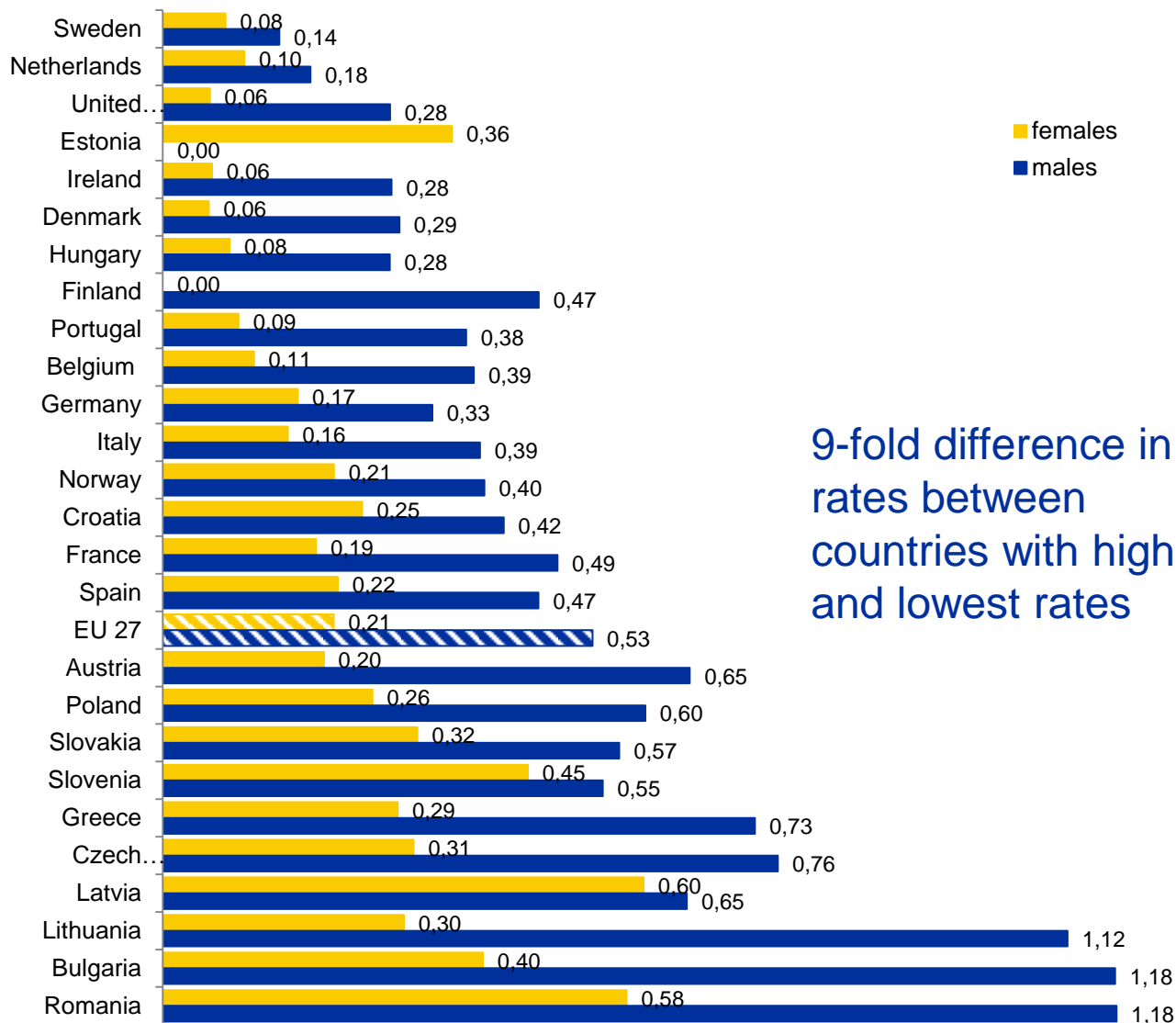


Examples of inequalities from the results of 2012 Child Safety Report Cards






Deaths due to falls for children (0-19 years) in the EU & EEA, Rates per 100 000

Source: WHO Detailed Mortality Database, 3 year average 2008 – 2010 or three most recent years available



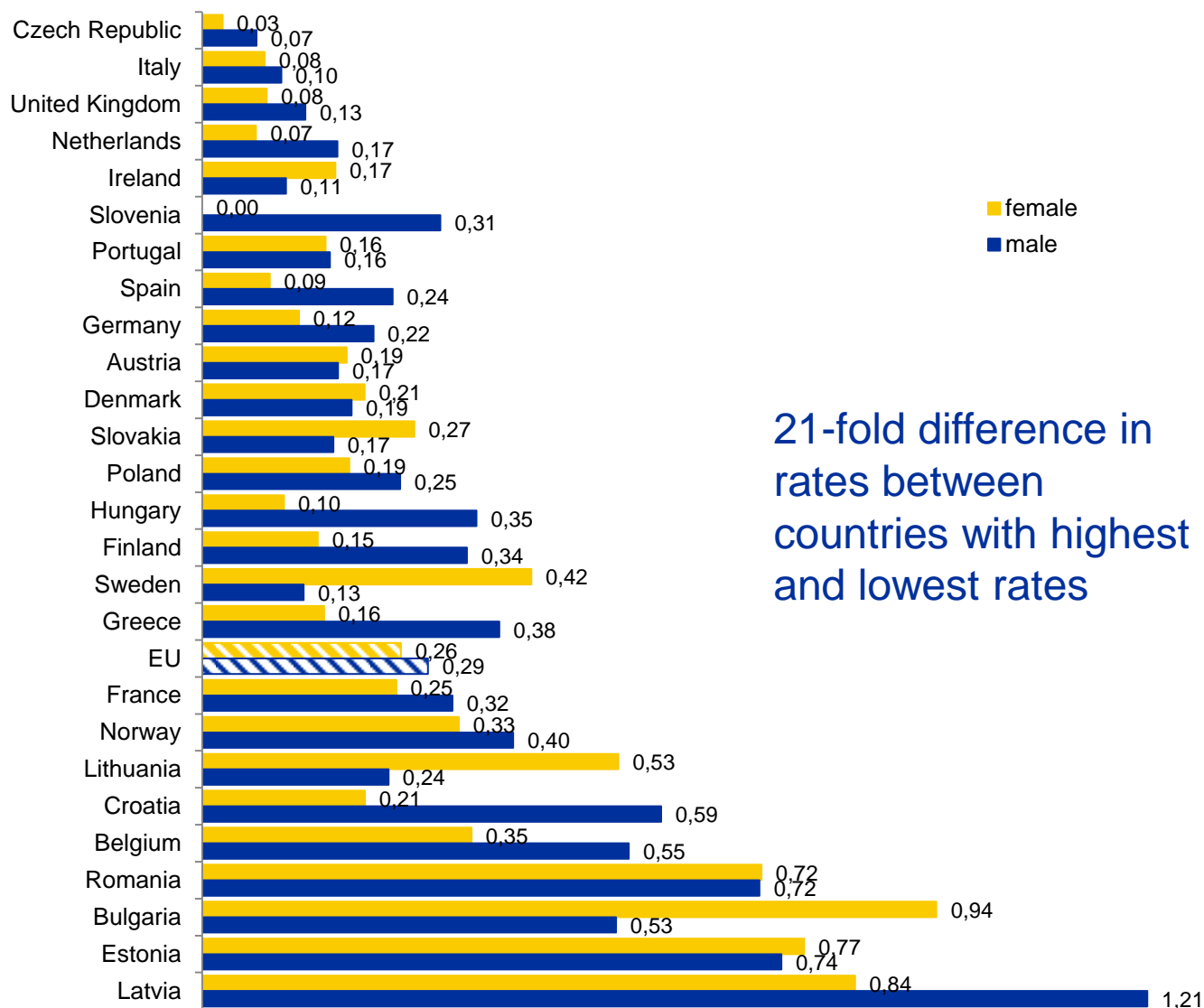
9-fold difference in
rates between
countries with highest
and lowest rates

Summary – select fall prevention policies




Policy indicator	# countries		
			
Requiring window safety (e.g., window guards or locks)	7	7	14
Requiring safe design for guardrails on balconies and stairs	11	8	9
National policy aimed at increasing access to childcare equipment [e.g., stair gates) for disadvantaged families	2	4	22
National programme of child home visits that includes fall prevention	10	4	14
Ministry/government department with mandated responsibility	18	0	10
Government approved national IP strategy with specific targets & timelines for falls in children	6	0	22

Burn deaths through fires for children (0-19 years) in the EU & EEA, Rates per 100 000

Source: WHO Detailed Mortality Database, 3 year average 2008 – 2010 or three most recent years available



Summary – select burn & scald prevention policies

Policy indicator	# countries		
			
Safe pre-set temperature for tap water in domestic settings	1	3	24
Smoke detectors in all private dwellings	4	12	12
Smoke detectors in all public dwellings	15	9	4
National programme of child home visits that includes burns/scalds	12	3	13
Ministry/government department with mandated responsibility	19	1	8
National IP strategy with specific targets & timelines for burns/scalds	7	1	20

Action needed to enhance children's right to safety

- Commitment to put children first
- Investment in human capital
- Create and implement a plan of action
- Build capacity
- Encourage and support uptake of what has proven to work





Thank you!

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