

**TABLE 2-9  
ACCIDENTAL (UNINTENTIONAL INJURY) DEATHS BY YEAR AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER),  
ARIZONA RESIDENTS, 1998-2008**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Unintentional injury</b>	577	603	652	696	752	750	854	986	971	982	1,026
<b>Railway accidents</b>	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0
<b>Motor vehicle-related accidents</b>	157	156	147	137	167	131	187	155	157	146	139
<b>Water transport accidents</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
<b>Accidents involving aircraft</b>	3	2	2	0	1	3	4	1	5	1	3
<b>Poisoning by drugs/medicaments</b>	4	5	12	8	12	10	22	15	18	26	16
<b>Poisoning by gases and vapors</b>	2	0	4	4	4	1	1	2	1	6	12
<b>Falls</b>	297	337	305	375	373	417	460	583	602	624	652
<b>Fire, flames, smoke</b>	12	13	18	14	21	22	12	17	9	9	25
<b>Excessive natural heat</b>	14	16	10	6	13	15	8	31	19	13	9
<b>Excessive natural cold</b>	7	4	5	4	5	2	3	10	4	5	7
<b>Contact with venomous snakes and lizards</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Contact with venomous spiders</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Contact with scorpions</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Contact with hornets, wasps, bees</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Bitten or struck by dog</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Lightning</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Storms and floods</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Accidental drowning and submersion</b>	13	11	12	7	9	9	13	18	10	13	10
<b>Choked on food</b>	13	17	18	14	10	20	16	13	18	8	24
<b>Choked on other objects</b>	19	14	29	17	47	45	43	49	36	50	40
<b>Mechanical suffocation</b>	2	1	3	7	3	1	2	1	2	3	0
<b>Accidental discharge of firearms</b>	0	0	2	*NA	6	4	1	2	1	1	2
<b>Exposure to electric current</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Overexertion</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Adverse effects of drugs in therapeutic use</b>	3	1	3	3	5	4	0	2	3	3	1
<b>Misadventures to patients during medical/surgical care</b>	8	13	31	29	33	28	31	23	31	32	23

\* See Technical Notes.