

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present a profile of injury morbidity and mortality in New South Wales using currently available data. These findings will be used to (i) update current injury statistics and (ii) identify target areas for further research.

1.2 Scope

This report presents the demographic analysis of injury morbidity and mortality occurring in New South Wales between 1986 and 1999 for the major injury mechanisms for intentional (IPV and suicide) and unintentional injury. Background information on the nature of the problem, as well as recommendations for improvements in data collection and directions for future research are also included.

1.3 Terms of Reference

This profile of injury morbidity and mortality in New South Wales was undertaken as part of the scope of work of the NSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre (IRMRC) to deliver high quality injury incidence and risk exposure data.

1.4 Structure of Report

The following describes the structure of this report:

- Section 1- introductory information on the purpose, scope, terms of reference and structure of the report;
- Section 2- background information on the nature of the injury problem, injury data coding issues and previous reports;
- Section 3- methodology information about the definitions and data sources used, as well as the specific analyses done;
- Section 4- overview of the problem
- Section 5- results of the analyses for suicide;
- Section 6- results of the analyses for motor vehicle;
- Section 7- results of the analyses for falls;
- Section 8- results of the analyses for poisoning;
- Section 9- results of the analyses for interpersonal violence;
- Section 10- results of the analyses for drowning;
- Section 11- results of the analyses for fire/burns;
- Section 12- results of the analyses for complications of care;
- Section 13- results of analysis by age groups
- Section 14- discussion of the results;
- Section 15- contains conclusions drawn from the results;
- Section 16- recommendations to improve drowning and near-drowning analysis;
- Section 17- bibliography of sources
- Appendix 1- list of Ecodes by mechanism used;
- Appendix 2- list of disease and injury categories;
- Appendix 3- List of Ecodes by mechanism.