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## Startling facts regarding ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES IN COUNTRY AUSTRALIA



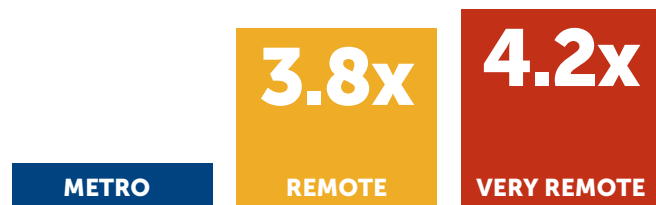
The injury fatality rate for farm workers is nine times higher than any other industry.



### TWO-THIRDS OF DROWNINGS OCCURRED IN COUNTRY AUSTRALIA

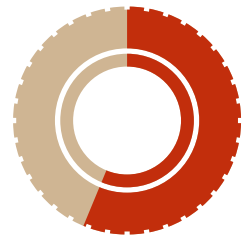
Last year 271 people drowned in Australia – with a disproportionate two-thirds of drownings occurring in rural and remote areas.

### INJURY DEATHS FROM ASSAULT



Australians in remote areas are 3.8 times more likely to die from an injury caused by assault. Australians in very remote areas are 4.2 times more likely.

### ROAD FATALITIES



Although more than two thirds of Australia's population live in major cities, more than half of all road fatalities occur on rural and remote roads.

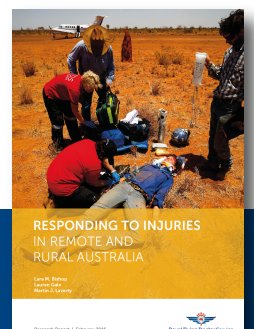


Death rates from poisoning are 3.5 times higher in remote and 2.5 times higher in very remote areas, than in major cities.

### All of these injuries and accidents are preventable.

Public policy, research, strategies and funding must give all Australians a fair go.

Data from multiple sources



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### INDIGENOUS HOSPITALISATION



Indigenous people in remote and very remote areas are twice as likely as indigenous people in major cities to be hospitalised for an injury.

# 4x

**MORE LIKELY TO DIE  
IN A CAR ACCIDENT**



Road death rates for Australians living in remote and very remote Australia are four times higher than for major city residents.

### MALE SUICIDE RATES



**1.8x** REMOTE AREAS  
**2.9x** VERY REMOTE AREAS

Suicide rates amongst men are 1.8 and 2.9 times higher in remote and very remote areas (respectively) compared to men in major cities.

# 1.7x

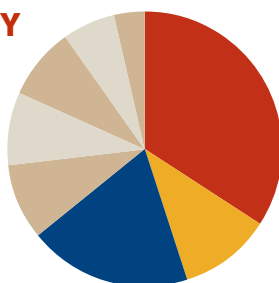
**MORE LIKELY  
TO DIE FROM SELF HARM**

Injury deaths as a result of self-harm in remote and very remote areas of Australia are 1.7 times higher than in major cities.

### CHILD DEATH BY INJURY

# 36%

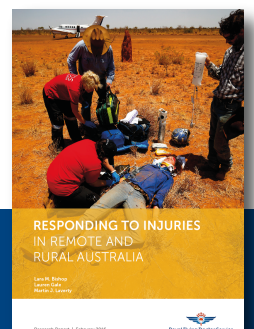
More children in Australia die from  
■ injuries (36%), than from  
■ cancer (19%) and diseases of the  
■ nervous system (11%) combined.



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