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## **ACCIDENTAL FALLS IN THE HOME**

### **REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE AGED OVER 65 IN THE UK**

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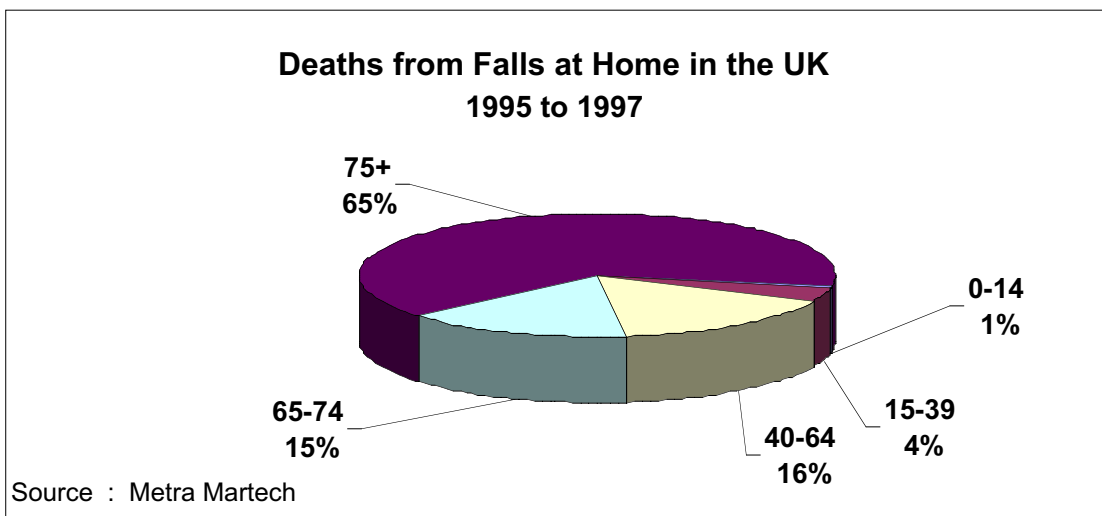
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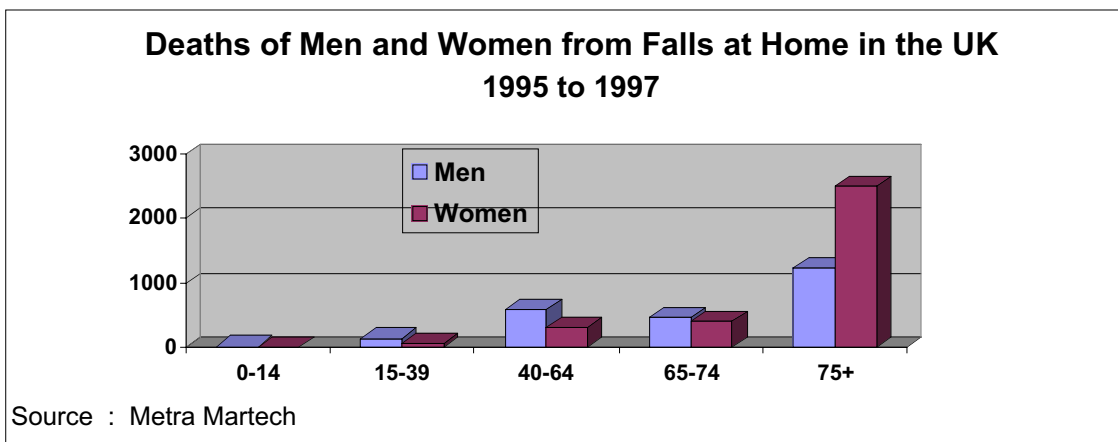
### The Overall Pattern

Each year there are about 2.7 million accidents in the home which necessitate a visit to hospital. Of these accidents almost 4,000 are fatal. By far the biggest cause of these accidents is falls, which account for 40% of the non-fatal injuries and 46% of deaths.

Most deaths from falls involve the older age groups. Detailed figures are shown in Table 1 but it can be seen from the diagram below that nearly 80% of the victims are aged over 65 and only 5% are under the age of 40.

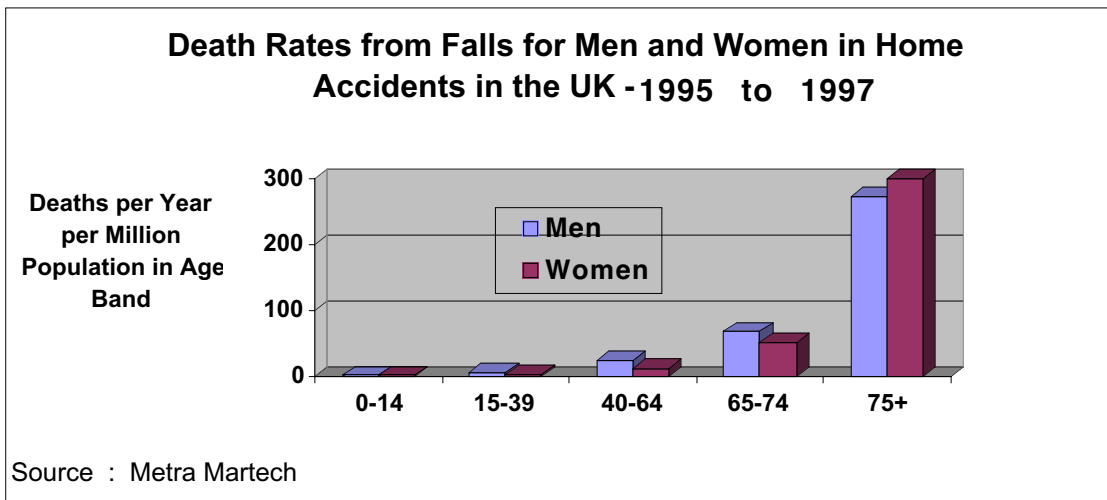


Up to the age of 64 nearly twice as many men as women die in falls. Between 65 and 74 the numbers are very similar but over that age twice as many women die as men. The figures are illustrated below, again with details in Table 1.<sup>1</sup>

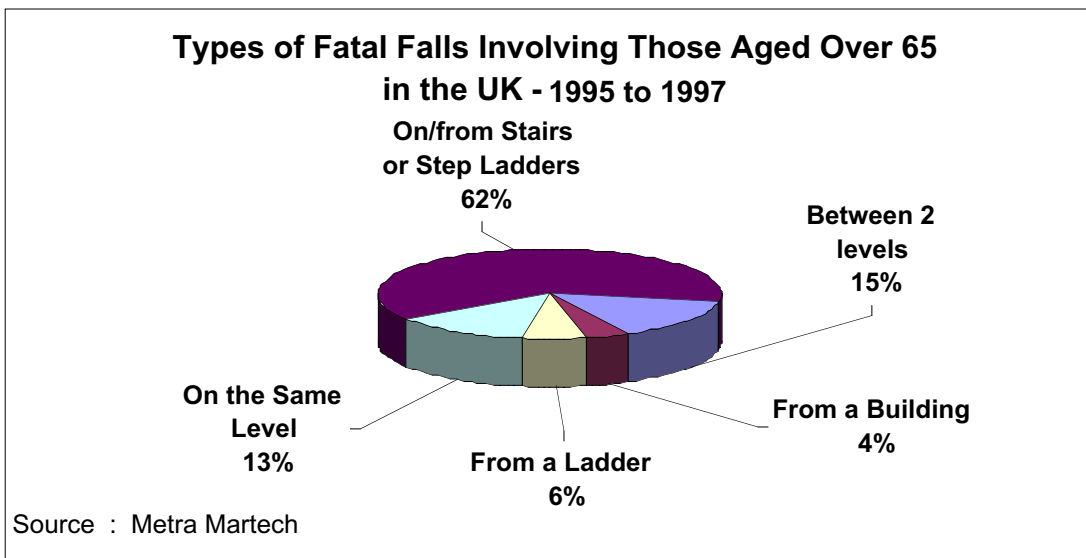


<sup>1</sup> Note that the figures here and elsewhere in this document refer to the totals for the three years 1995 to 1997.

The difference in numbers between men and women in the younger age groups is partly because boys and men appear to be more impetuous and less careful and partly because men are more likely to use ladders or to repair the roof. In the oldest age group, twice as many women are killed because they outnumber the men in the population by a factor of two. The diagram below illustrates the difference in death rates for men and women in each age band. Further details are shown in Table 2.



Falls are classified into five types although there is a substantial number which are unclassified. Details by type and age band are shown in Table 1 but the diagram below shows the relative importance of each type for those aged over 65, after excluding the unspecified cases.



Over 60% of deaths result from accidents on stairs but 15% result from falls off a chair or out of bed etc (between 2 levels). A similar number is caused by a slip or a trip on the same level, although sometimes an object such as a mat or rug may cause the trip.

The above analysis of fatalities is based on data from the Office for National Statistics (for England and Wales), the National Health Service in Scotland and the General Register Office in Belfast (for Northern Ireland). Data is also available from the Consumer Affairs Directorate of the Department of Trade and Industry on Non-Fatal Accidents. Information on non-fatal cases is summarised in Table 3.

There are over 1,000,000 non-fatal accidents each year resulting from falls, almost a quarter of which are serious<sup>2</sup>. People aged over 65 account for almost half of the serious cases. Forty per cent of minor injuries involve children, particularly those under 5 but people over 65 still account for 20% of the minor cases. Many of the cases involving small children are very minor but, nonetheless, parents do need to be reassured by having their children looked at by a professional.

The figures for fatal and non-fatal accidents show quite clearly that the vast majority of deaths and half the serious injuries from falls involve people aged over 65 and particularly those over 75. Men and women are equally at risk of fatal falls though older women, after allowing for the difference in their numbers, are twice as likely as men to have a serious but non-fatal fall. Table 4 summarises the numbers of fatal and non-fatal accidents for people under 65 and those aged over 65.

### **Regional Information**

The data on deaths from falls includes information on the district where the accidents happened. Tables 5 and 6 list the number of fatalities in each county and district<sup>3</sup> over the three years 1995 to 1997. Table 5 shows totals for each county in England, plus figures for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Table 6 shows the figures for individual districts. The districts in England are grouped by county for ease of reference. Single groups for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland follow these.

Tables 5 and 6 also include estimates of the number of serious and minor accidents over the same period. These estimates are based on the national accident rates and the demographics of each district.

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<sup>2</sup> In this context a "serious" accident is defined as one requiring admission to hospital for more than a day or one involving a fracture or serious laceration. All other cases are classified as "minor".

<sup>3</sup> The districts for England & Wales are based on the County Districts or Unitary Authorities as defined after the Local government changes implemented in 1997. The precise coverage of each area is given in the 1997 Municipal Yearbook. Because there were some boundary changes between 1995 and 1997 it has been necessary to combine some districts to maintain comparability over the period. This applies to some districts in Yorkshire and many in Wales.

The districts in England are grouped by county. The counties selected here are not necessarily administrative areas but have been chosen to facilitate finding a particular district. For example Bristol is listed under Gloucestershire and Isles of Scilly under Cornwall. All the districts in Wales are Grouped together.

The districts in Scotland are the Health Board Areas and are grouped together under a single heading .

All figure for Northern Ireland are given under a single heading.

**TABLE 1: TOTAL NUMBER OF FATAL FALLS IN THE HOME  
IN THE UK - 1995 to 1997**

	Under 65			Over 65		Total
	0-14	15-39	40-64	65-74	75+	
<b>Men</b>						
Between 2 levels	5	7	20	15	55	102
From building	8	40	31	16	29	124
From ladder	0	2	39	49	38	128
On same level	0	3	14	16	53	86
On stairs or steps	3	66	267	182	321	839
Unspecified	5	29	224	196	735	1,189
<b>Total Men</b>	21	147	595	474	1,231	2,468
	0.9%	6%	24%	19%	50%	100%
	31%			69%		
<b>Women</b>						
Between 2 levels	2	1	9	22	153	187
From building	4	12	7	8	18	49
From ladder	0	0	6	4	5	15
On same level	0	1	14	26	121	162
On stairs or steps	3	44	161	134	402	744
Unspecified	1	10	127	214	1,797	2,149
<b>Total Women</b>	10	68	324	408	2,496	3,306
	0.3%	2%	10%	12%	75%	100%
	12%			88%		
<b>All</b>						
Between 2 levels	7	8	29	37	208	289
From building	12	52	38	24	47	173
From ladder	0	2	45	53	43	143
On same level	0	4	28	42	174	248
On stairs or steps	6	110	428	316	723	1,583
Unspecified	6	39	351	410	2,532	3,338
<b>Total All</b>	31	215	919	882	3,727	5,774
	0.5%	4%	16%	15%	65%	100%
	20%			80%		
Note : Because of rounding percentages may not add up to 100						
Source : Metra Martech						

<b>TABLE 2: NUMBER OF FATAL FALLS IN THE HOME PER YEAR PER MILLION POPULATION IN EACH AGE BAND IN THE UK - 1995 to 1997</b>						
	<b>Under 65</b>			<b>Over 65</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>0-14</b>	<b>15-39</b>	<b>40-64</b>	<b>65-74</b>	<b>75+</b>	
<b>Men</b>						
Between 2 levels	0.28	0.22	0.8	2	12	1.2
From building	0.46	1.24	1.2	3	6	1.4
From ladder	0	0.06	1.5	7	8	1.5
On same level	0	0.09	.5	2	12	1.0
On stairs or steps	0.17	2.05	10.3	26	72	9.6
Unspecified	0.28	0.90	8.7	28	164	13.7
<b>Total Men</b>	1.19	4.56	23.0	68	274	28
	10			150		
<b>Women</b>						
Between 2 levels	.12	.03	.3	3	18	2.1
From building	.24	.39	.3	1	2	0.5
From ladder	0	0	.2	1	1	0.2
On same level	0	.03	.5	3	15	1.8
On stairs or steps	.18	1.43	6.2	16	48	8.3
Unspecified	.06	.32	4.9	26	216	23.8
<b>Total Women</b>	0.60	2.20	12.4	50	300	37
	5			177		
<b>All</b>						
Between 2 levels	0.20	0.12	0.6	2	16	1.6
From building	0.35	0.82	0.7	2	4	1.0
From ladder	0	0.03	0.9	4	3	0.8
On same level	0	0.06	0.5	3	14	1.4
On stairs or steps	0.17	1.74	8.2	21	57	8.9
Unspecified	0.19	0.61	6.7	27	198	18.9
<b>Total All</b>	0.91	3.38	17.6	59	292	33
	8			163		
Source: Metra Martech						

**TABLE 3 : ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NON-FATAL FALLS  
IN THE HOME IN THE UK - 1995 to 1997**

	Under 65			Over 65		Total
	0-14	15-39	40-64	65-74	75+	
<b>Men</b>						
Minor	555,000	246,000	162,000	45,000	75,000	1,083,000
Serious	84,000	42,000	42,000	18,000	51,000	237,000
<b>Total Men</b>	639,000	288,000	204,000	63,000	126,000	1,320,000
	48%	22%	15%	5%	10%	100%
	86%			14%		
<b>Women</b>						
Minor	441,000	333,000	258,000	93,000	246,000	1,371,000
Serious	78,000	36,000	78,000	54,000	216,000	462,000
<b>Total Women</b>	519,000	369,000	336,000	147,000	462,000	1,833,000
	28%	20%	18%	8%	25%	100%
	67%			33%		
<b>All Minor</b>	996,000	579,000	420,000	138,000	321,000	2,454,000
	40%	24%	17%	6%	13%	100%
	81%			19%		
<b>All Serious</b>	162,000	78,000	120,000	72,000	267,000	699,000
	23%	11%	17%	10%	38%	100%
	52%			48%		
<b>All</b>	1,158,000	657,000	540,000	210,000	588,000	3,153,000
	37%	21%	17%	7%	19%	100%
	75%			25%		

Note : Because of rounding percentages may not add up to 100

Source: Metra Martech

**TABLE 4 : SUMMARY OF NUMBERS OF FATAL AND NON-FATAL FALLS IN THE HOME IN THE UK - 1995 to 1997**

	<b>Under 65</b>	<b>Over 65</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fatalities	1,165	4,609	5,774
	20%	80%	100%
Minor Accidents	1,995,000	459,000	2,454,000
	81%	19%	100%
Serious Accidents	360,000	339,000	699,000
	52%	48%	100%
Source: Metra Martech			

**TABLE 5 : ACCIDENTAL FALLS IN THE HOME BY COUNTY OR COUNTRY DEATHS AND ESTIMATED NON-FATAL CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE OVER 65 - 1995 to 1997**

	Number of Cases 95-97		
	Fatal	Serious	Minor
Bedfordshire	27	2,400	3,500
Berkshire	43	3,500	4,900
Buckinghamshire	25	3,000	4,200
Cambridgeshire	26	3,700	4,800
Cheshire	52	5,500	7,300
Cleveland	49	2,800	4,000
Cornwall	41	3,500	4,930
Cumbria	75	3,200	4,200
Derbyshire	135	5,600	7,600
Devon	79	8,300	10,800
Dorset	29	5,900	7,900
Durham	52	3,480	4,700
Essex	82	9,600	12,900
Gloucestershire	80	7,100	9,700
Greater Manchester	171	14,100	18,900
Hampshire	73	10,400	14,300
Hereford & Worcester	111	4,300	5,800
Hertfordshire	101	5,500	7,500
Kent	152	9,800	13,300
Lancashire	120	8,700	11,800
Leicestershire	117	4,880	6,800
Lincolnshire	35	5,100	7,000
London	341	34,730	46,960
Merseyside	64	8,400	11,200
Norfolk	53	5,600	7,600
Northamptonshire	32	3,200	4,200
Northumberland	41	1,900	2,500
Nottinghamshire	73	5,800	7,900
Oxfordshire	25	3,100	4,100
Shropshire	25	2,400	3,300
Somerset	32	6,000	8,200
Staffordshire	180	5,600	8,000
Suffolk	49	4,100	5,900
Surrey	51	6,600	8,600
Sussex - East	39	6,100	8,000
Sussex - West	60	6,300	8,500
Tyne & Wear	65	6,600	8,900
Warwickshire	46	2,900	3,900
West Midlands	345	14,500	19,900
Wiltshire	40	3,400	4,500
Yorkshire - East Riding	28	4,200	5,900
Yorkshire - North	63	4,900	6,600
Yorkshire - South	122	7,600	10,300
Yorkshire - West	195	11,500	15,700
Wales	430	18,500	25,100
Scotland	479	27,820	38,200
Northern Ireland	56	7,500	10,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,609</b>	<b>339,610</b>	<b>460,990</b>

Note: The above figures all relate to the total for the three years 1995 to 1997

**TABLE 6 : ACCIDENTAL FALLS IN THE HOME BY DISTRICT, DEATHS AND NON-FATAL CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE OVER 65 - 1995 to 1997**

	Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases		Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases
<b>Bedfordshire</b>				<b>Cornwall</b>			
Bedford	9	700	1,000	Caradon	2	500	800
Luton	8	700	1,000	Carrick	8	700	1,000
Mid Bedfordshire	3	500	800	Isles Of Scilly	0	0	30
South Bedfordshire	7	500	700	Kerrier	10	600	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>3,500</b>	North Cornwall	4	600	800
<b>Berkshire</b>				Penwith	1	500	700
Bracknell Forest	4	400	600	Restormel	16	600	800
Newbury	11	700	900	<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>4,930</b>
Reading	14	700	1,000	<b>Cumbria</b>			
Slough	3	500	600	Allerdale	10	600	800
Windsor & Maidenhead	4	700	1,000	Barrow-in-furness	11	400	500
Wokingham	7	500	800	Carlisle	17	700	900
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>4,900</b>	Copeland	4	400	500
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>				Eden	5	300	400
Aylesbury Vale	7	700	900	South Lakeland	28	800	1,100
Chiltern	6	500	800	<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>4,200</b>
Milton Keynes	4	700	1,000	<b>Derbyshire</b>			
South Bucks	0	400	500	Amber Valley	13	700	1,000
Wycombe	8	700	1,000	Bolsover	16	400	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>4,200</b>	Chesterfield	26	600	800
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>				Derby	20	1,300	1,800
Cambridge	4	600	800	Derbyshire Dales	14	500	700
East Cambridgeshire	2	400	500	Erewash	11	600	800
Fenland	5	500	700	High Peak	4	500	600
Huntingdonshire	2	700	900	North East Derbyshire	27	600	800
Peterborough	10	800	1,000	South Derbyshire	4	400	500
South Cambridgeshire	3	700	900	<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>7,600</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>Devon</b>			
<b>Cheshire</b>				East Devon	11	1,300	1,700
Chester	10	800	1,000	Exeter	8	700	900
Congleton	4	500	700	Mid Devon	0	500	600
Crewe & Nantwich	2	600	800	North Devon	29	700	900
Ellesmere Port & Neston	5	400	600	Plymouth	6	1,500	2,000
Halton	3	500	700	South Hams	4	600	800
Macclesfield	12	1,000	1,300	Teignbridge	4	1,000	1,300
Vale Royal	2	700	900	Torbay	1	1,200	1,600
Warrington	14	1,000	1,300	Torrige	11	400	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>7,300</b>	West Devon	5	400	500
<b>Cleveland</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>10,800</b>
Hartlepool	8	500	700				
Middlesbrough	11	700	1,000				
Redcar & Cleveland	16	800	1,100				
Stockton-on-Tees	14	800	1,200				
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>4,000</b>				

Note: The above figures all relate to the total for the three years 1995 to 1997

**TABLE 6 : ACCIDENTAL FALLS IN THE HOME BY DISTRICT, DEATHS AND NON-FATAL CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE OVER 65 - 1995 to 1997**

	Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases		Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases
<b>Dorset</b>				<b>Greater Manchester</b>			
Bournemouth	5	1,500	2,000	Bolton	6	1,400	2,000
Christchurch	0	500	700	Bury	11	1,000	1,300
East Dorset	1	800	1,000	Manchester	70	2,200	2,900
North Dorset	4	500	600	Oldham	9	1,200	1,600
Poole	2	1,100	1,400	Rochdale	8	1,100	1,400
Purbeck	1	300	500	Salford	13	1,400	1,900
West Dorset	12	800	1,100	Stockport	20	1,700	2,400
Weymouth & Portland	4	400	600	Tameside	4	1,200	1,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>7,900</b>	Trafford	17	1,300	1,700
				Wigan	13	1,600	2,100
				<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>18,900</b>
<b>Durham</b>				<b>Hampshire</b>			
Chester-le-street	5	300	400	Basingstoke & Deane	7	600	800
Darlington	11	600	800	East Hampshire	2	600	800
Derwentside	12	500	700	Eastleigh	3	500	800
Durham	3	500	600	Fareham	1	600	900
Easington	6	500	700	Gosport	2	400	600
Sedgefield	4	500	700	Hart	3	400	500
Teesdale	2	180	200	Havant	4	700	1,000
Wear Valley	9	400	600	Isle of Wight	9	1,100	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>4,700</b>	New Forest	10	1,400	1,900
				Portsmouth	6	1,200	1,600
				Rushmoor	3	400	500
				Southampton	9	1,200	1,700
				Test Valley	5	600	800
				Winchester	9	700	900
				<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>14,300</b>
<b>Essex</b>				<b>Hereford &amp; Worcester</b>			
Basildon	4	800	1,200	Bromsgrove	28	500	700
Braintree	11	700	900	Hereford	1	300	400
Brentwood	3	400	600	Leominster	3	300	400
Castle Point	3	500	600	Malvern Hills	13	700	900
Chelmsford	15	800	1,100	Redditch	13	400	500
Colchester	8	800	1,100	South Herefordshire	1	400	500
Epping Forest	4	700	1,000	Worcester	12	500	700
Harlow	2	400	500	Wychavon	19	700	900
Maldon	4	300	500	Wyre Forest	21	500	800
Rochford	3	500	600	<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>5,800</b>
Southend-on-sea	13	1,300	1,700				
Tendring	4	1,400	1,800				
Thurrock	5	600	800				
Uttlesford	3	400	500				
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>12,900</b>				
<b>Gloucestershire</b>							
Bristol	26	2,400	3,200				
Cheltenham	7	800	1,000				
Cotswold	4	600	800				
Forest Of Dean	9	500	700				
Gloucester	5	500	800				
South Gloucestershire	11	1,100	1,600				
Stroud	14	700	900				
Tewkesbury	4	500	700				
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>9,700</b>				

Note: The above figures all relate to the total for the three years 1995 to 1997

**TABLE 6: ACCIDENTAL FALLS IN THE HOME BY DISTRICT, DEATHS AND NON-FATAL CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE OVER 65 - 1995 to 1997**

	Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases		Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases
<b>Hertfordshire</b>				<b>Leicestershire</b>			
Broxbourne	2	400	500	Blaby	13	400	600
Dacorum	12	700	1,000	Charnwood	17	800	1,200
East Hertfordshire	5	600	800	Harborough	6	400	500
Hertsmere	14	600	800	Hinckley & Bosworth	7	600	800
North Hertfordshire	5	700	900	Leicester	46	1,500	2,000
St Albans	10	700	1,000	Melton	5	200	400
Stevenage	1	300	500	North West Leicestershire	5	500	600
Three Rivers	21	500	700	Oadby & Wigston	13	300	400
Watford	24	400	500	Rutland	5	180	300
Welwyn Hatfield	7	600	800	<b>Total</b>	117	4,880	6,800
<b>Total</b>	101	5,500	7,500	<b>Lincolnshire</b>			
<b>Kent</b>				Boston			
Ashford	9	600	800	East Lindsey	9	1,000	1,400
Canterbury	24	1,100	1,500	Lincoln	5	500	700
Dartford	8	400	600	North East Lincolnshire	4	900	1,300
Dover	16	800	1,100	North Kesteven	4	600	800
Gillingham	2	500	600	South Holland	3	500	700
Gravesham	6	500	700	South Kesteven	5	700	900
Maidstone	3	800	1,100	West Lindsey	3	500	700
Rochester Upon Medway	5	600	900	<b>Total</b>	35	5,100	7,000
Sevenoaks	7	700	900				
Shepway	13	800	1,000				
Swale	10	700	900				
Thanet	23	1,100	1,500				
Tonbridge & Malling	9	500	800				
Tunbridge Wells	17	700	900				
<b>Total</b>	152	9,800	13,300				
<b>Lancashire</b>							
Blackburn	11	700	900				
Blackpool	18	1,100	1,500				
Burnley	4	500	700				
Chorley	8	500	700				
Fylde	8	700	900				
Hyndburn	7	500	600				
Lancaster	22	900	1,200				
Pendle	7	500	600				
Preston	11	700	1,000				
Ribble Valley	4	300	500				
Rossendale	5	400	500				
South Ribble	5	500	800				
West Lancashire	1	600	800				
Wyre	9	800	1,100				
<b>Total</b>	120	8,700	11,800				

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**TABLE 6: ACCIDENTAL FALLS IN THE HOME BY DISTRICT, DEATHS AND NON-FATAL CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE OVER 65 - 1995 to 1997**

	Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases		Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases
<b>London</b>				<b>Norfolk</b>			
Barking & Dagenham	6	900	1,200	Breckland	4	800	1,100
Barnet	18	1,800	2,300	Broadland	2	800	1,000
Bexley	12	1,200	1,700	Great Yarmouth	16	600	900
Brent	26	900	1,300	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	13	1,000	1,300
Bromley	14	1,900	2,600	North Norfolk	8	900	1,200
Camden	5	900	1,200	Norwich	5	800	1,100
City Of London	0	30	60	South Norfolk	5	700	1,000
Croydon	12	1,600	2,100	<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>7,600</b>
Ealing	15	1,300	1,700	<b>Northamptonshire</b>			
Enfield	21	1,500	2,000	Corby	6	200	300
Greenwich	10	1,100	1,500	Daventry	3	300	500
Hackney	4	700	1,000	East Northamptonshire	4	400	500
Hammersmith & Fulham	12	700	900	Kettering	4	500	600
Haringey	8	800	1,100	Northampton	6	1,000	1,300
Harrow	16	1,100	1,500	South Northamptonshire	5	400	500
Havering	9	1,400	1,900	Wellingborough	4	400	500
Hillingdon	10	1,300	1,700	<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>4,200</b>
Hounslow	13	1,000	1,300	<b>Northumberland</b>			
Islington	7	800	1,000	Alnwick	4	200	300
Kensington & Chelsea	3	700	1,000	Berwick-upon-Tweed	1	200	300
Kingston Upon Thames	7	800	1,100	Blyth Valley	13	400	500
Lambeth	14	1,000	1,400	Castle Morpeth	3	300	400
Lewisham	15	1,200	1,600	Tynedale	12	400	500
Merton	11	900	1,300	Wansbeck	8	400	500
Newham	8	800	1,100	<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,500</b>
Redbridge	8	1,300	1,700	<b>Nottinghamshire</b>			
Richmond Upon Thames	10	1,100	1,400	Ashfield	9	600	800
Southwark	7	1,000	1,400	Bassetlaw	9	600	800
Sutton	9	1,000	1,400	Broxtowe	5	600	900
Tower Hamlets	3	700	1,000	Gedling	7	700	900
Waltham Forest	7	1,100	1,400	Mansfield	12	500	800
Wandsworth	14	1,200	1,700	Newark & Sherwood	6	600	800
Westminster, City of	7	1,000	1,400	Nottingham	21	1,600	2,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>34,730</b>	<b>46,960</b>	Rushcliffe	4	600	800
<b>Merseyside</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>7,900</b>
Knowsley	7	700	900	<b>Oxfordshire</b>			
Liverpool	27	2,500	3,400	Cherwell	7	600	800
Sefton	14	2,000	2,700	Oxford	4	700	900
St Helens	9	1,000	1,300	South Oxfordshire	6	700	900
Wirral	7	2,200	2,900	Vale of White Horse	3	600	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>11,200</b>	West Oxfordshire	5	500	700
				<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>

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**TABLE 6: ACCIDENTAL FALLS IN THE HOME BY DISTRICT, DEATHS AND NON-FATAL CASES INVOLVING PEOPLE OVER 65 - 1995 to 1997**

	Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases		Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases
<b>Shropshire</b>				<b>Surrey</b>			
Bridgnorth	2	300	400	Elmbridge	4	800	1,000
North Shropshire	1	400	500	Epsom & Ewell	2	500	600
Oswestry	3	200	300	Guildford	2	700	1,000
Shrewsbury & Atcham	5	600	800	Mole Valley	3	600	800
South Shropshire	5	300	400	Reigate & Banstead	7	800	1,000
The Wrekin	9	600	900	Runnymede	2	500	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>3,300</b>	Spelthorne	2	500	700
<b>Somerset</b>				<b>Sussex - East</b>			
Bath & North East Somerset	7	1,200	1,600	Surrey Heath	5	400	500
Mendip	4	600	800	Tandridge	3	500	700
North Somerset	5	1,400	1,800	Waverley	11	800	1,100
Sedgemoor	4	700	1,000	Woking	10	500	600
South Somerset	10	1,100	1,500	<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>8,600</b>
Taunton Deane	1	700	1,000	<b>Sussex - West</b>			
West Somerset	1	300	500	Brighton & Hove	8	1,800	2,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>8,200</b>	Crawley	1	500	600
<b>Staffordshire</b>				<b>Sussex - West</b>			
Cannock Chase	6	400	500	Eastbourne	12	1,000	1,300
East Staffordshire	9	600	800	Hastings	4	700	900
Lichfield	11	500	700	Rother	3	1,000	1,400
Newcastle-under-lyme	26	800	1,000	Wealden	11	1,100	1,500
South Staffordshire	13	500	800	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>8,000</b>
Stafford	20	700	1,000	<b>Sussex - West</b>			
Staffordshire Moorlands	30	500	800	Adur	4	500	700
Stoke-on-Trent	63	1,400	2,000	Arun	24	1,500	2,000
Tamworth	2	200	400	Chichester	14	900	1,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>8,000</b>	Horsham	6	700	1,000
<b>Suffolk</b>				<b>Sussex - West</b>			
Babergh	3	500	700	Lewes	3	800	1,100
Forest Heath	0	300	400	Mid Sussex	3	800	1,000
Ipswich	11	700	1,000	Worthing	6	1,100	1,400
Mid Suffolk	3	500	700	<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>8,500</b>
St Edmundsbury	2	500	800	<b>Tyne &amp; Wear</b>			
Suffolk Coastal	15	800	1,100	Gateshead	11	1,200	1,600
Waveney	15	800	1,200	Newcastle upon Tyne	15	1,600	2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>5,900</b>	North Tyneside	24	1,300	1,700
<b>Suffolk</b>				<b>Tyne &amp; Wear</b>			
Babergh	3	500	700	South Tyneside	8	1,000	1,300
Forest Heath	0	300	400	Sunderland	7	1,500	2,100
Ipswich	11	700	1,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>8,900</b>
Mid Suffolk	3	500	700	<b>Warwickshire</b>			
St Edmundsbury	2	500	800	North Warwickshire	3	300	400
Suffolk Coastal	15	800	1,100	Nuneaton & Bedworth	10	600	800
Waveney	15	800	1,200	Rugby	2	500	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>5,900</b>	Stratford-on-avon	15	700	1,000
<b>Suffolk</b>				<b>Warwickshire</b>			
Babergh	3	500	700	Warwick	16	800	1,000
Forest Heath	0	300	400	<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>3,900</b>
Ipswich	11	700	1,000	<b>Warwickshire</b>			
Mid Suffolk	3	500	700	North Warwickshire	3	300	400
St Edmundsbury	2	500	800	Nuneaton & Bedworth	10	600	800
Suffolk Coastal	15	800	1,100	Rugby	2	500	700
Waveney	15	800	1,200	Stratford-on-avon	15	700	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>5,900</b>	Warwick	16	800	1,000
<b>Suffolk</b>				<b>Warwickshire</b>			
Babergh	3	500	700	<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>3,900</b>
Forest Heath	0	300	400	<b>Warwickshire</b>			
Ipswich	11	700	1,000	North Warwickshire	3	300	400
Mid Suffolk	3	500	700	Nuneaton & Bedworth	10	600	800
St Edmundsbury	2	500	800	Rugby	2	500	700
Suffolk Coastal	15	800	1,100	Stratford-on-avon	15	700	1,000
Waveney	15	800	1,200	Warwick	16	800	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>3,900</b>

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	Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases		Fatal Cases	Serious Cases	Minor Cases
<b>West Midlands</b>				<b>Wales</b>			
Birmingham	119	5,400	7,400	Blaenau Gwent/Monmouthshire	25	1,000	1,400
Coventry	10	1,700	2,400	Bridgend/Vale of Glamorgan	40	1,500	2,000
Dudley	72	1,800	2,400	Caerphilly	16	900	1,200
Sandwell	24	1,700	2,300	Cardiff/Rhonda/Merthyr	103	3,100	4,200
Solihull	29	1,100	1,500	Carmarthenshire	14	1,300	1,700
Walsall	71	1,400	2,000	Ceredigion	8	500	700
Wolverhampton	20	1,400	1,900	Flintshire	21	800	1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>19,900</b>	Gwynedd	17	800	1,100
<b>Wiltshire</b>				Isle of Anglesea	9	500	600
Kennet	4	500	600	Merthyr Tydfil	1	300	500
North Wiltshire	15	700	900	Newport	14	800	1,100
Salisbury	8	700	1,000	Pembrokeshire	2	700	1,000
Swindon	10	800	1,100	Powys/Conwy/Wrexham	122	3,400	4,500
West Wiltshire	3	700	900	Swansea/Neath/Port Talbot	30	2,400	3,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>4,500</b>	Torfaen	8	500	700
<b>Yorkshire - East Riding</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>25,100</b>
East Riding/North Lincs	23	2,800	3,900	<b>Scotland</b>			
Kingston Upon Hull	5	1,400	2,000	Argyll & Clyde	38	2,300	3,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>5,900</b>	Ayrshire & Arran	33	2,200	3,000
<b>Yorkshire - North</b>				Borders	12	700	1,000
Craven	11	400	500	Dumfries & Galloway	17	900	1,300
Hambleton	8	500	700	Fife	34	2,000	2,700
Richmondshire	1	200	400	Forth Valley	33	1,400	2,000
Scarborough	17	900	1,200	Grampian	48	2,700	3,700
York/Harrogate/Selby/Ryedale	26	2,900	3,800	Greater Glasgow	76	5,000	6,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>6,600</b>	Highland	13	1,100	1,600
<b>Yorkshire - South</b>				Lanarkshire	34	2,600	3,500
Barnsley	12	1,300	1,800	Lothian	95	4,000	5,500
Doncaster	39	1,600	2,200	Orkney	0	120	150
Rotherham	10	1,400	1,900	Shetland	1	120	150
Sheffield	61	3,300	4,400	Tayside	45	2,500	3,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>10,300</b>	Western Isles	0	180	300
<b>Yorkshire - West</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>27,820</b>	<b>38,200</b>
Bradford	55	2,600	3,500	<b>Northern Ireland</b>			
Calderdale	12	1,100	1,500	Northern Ireland	56	7,500	10,200
Kirklees	41	2,100	2,900	<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>10,200</b>
Leeds	81	4,100	5,500				
Wakefield	6	1,600	2,300				
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>15,700</b>				

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