Falls are now the **leading** cause of injury deaths in Iowa.

- Over the last decade, deaths from motor vehicle crashes have declined – which puts falls as the number one cause of injury deaths.

- Death rates are higher in those over 65 than in the younger populations.
Iowa’s death rates from falls exceed the national average.
Fall-related hospitalizations are highest in those over 65 and they are costly.

![IA Fall Hospitalizations Chart]

(State Age-adjusted Rates (per 100,000): 176.7
Males: 148.9
Females: 194.1
2000 US Census)

*Hospital Discharge Data, 2008-2012*
For additional Iowa data on falls: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/FallPrevention/