Defiance County EMS Fall Related Reports

More than one third of individuals ages 65 years or older fall each year\(^1\). The risk of falling increases with age\(^2\). In Defiance County, 15% of the population is 65 years and older.

In the 3rd quarter of 2016, there were 95 emergency medical service (EMS) fall related runs. The EMS team was dispatched to a resident’s home and assisted the individual that fell. Forty residents out of 95 were not transported to a hospital. In the third quarter, the total known senior falls in Defiance County including both ED visits and EMS runs was 143 falls.

*ED visits coded as falls are derived from data in the EpiCenter and represent only those reported in the system. These data are provisional and subject to change when additional data are reported. All data is on Defiance County residents, including residents who may have sought medical help at a hospital outside of Defiance County. Falls are selected based on codes at diagnosis. Data reported as of 10/01/2016.

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1. National Institute of Health