



A comparative study on reasons of home accidents amongst elderly of rural and urban households of Ludhiana district

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ABSTRACT

Accidents in the home as cause of injury and death are of great importance. Home accidents are accidents that take place at home or its immediate surrounding and more generally not all accidents concerned with traffic, vehicles or sports. This study was undertaken to understand the nature and reasons of home accidents amongst elderly of rural and urban area of Ludhiana district. Findings revealed that majority for elderly women as well as for men accidents took place due to slipping (90%) and falls (60%) in both rural and urban area. Majority of cases elderly people met with accidents in their bathroom. It was also observed to be primary reasons of the accidents due to visual problems and muscle weakness. About 40 per cent of the selected respondents reported poor lighting system was the main cause of accidents in the kitchen.