

TABLE 5-2 Comparison of Annual Fatality Risks

Hazard	Territory	Period	Total Fatalities for the Period	Annual Fatality Risk
World War II	Worldwide	1939–1945	61,000,000	1 in 221
Cancers	US	2009	560,000	1 in 540
War (civilians)	Iraq	2003–2008	113,616	1 in 1,150
All accidents	US	2007	119,000	1 in 2,500
Traffic accidents	US	2008	37,261	1 in 8,200
Traffic accidents	Canada	2008	2,431	1 in 13,500
Traffic accidents	Australia	2008	1,466	1 in 15,000
Homicide	US	2006	14,180	1 in 22,000
Traffic accidents	UK	2008	2,538	1 in 23,000
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>1970–2013</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1 in 50,000</b>
Industrial accidents	US	2007	5,657	1 in 53,000
Homicide	Canada	2008	611	1 in 55,000
<b>Intifada</b>	<b>Israel</b>	<b>2000–2006</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1 in 72,000</b>
Homicide	Great Britain	2008	887	1 in 67,000
Homicide	Australia	2008	290	1 in 76,000
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>1 in 101,000</b>
Natural disasters	US	1999–2008	6,294	1 in 480,000
Drowning in bathtub	US	2003	320	1 in 950,000
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>1970–2013</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>1 in 1,200,000</b>
Home appliances	US	yearly average	200	1 in 1,500,000
Deer accidents	US	2006	150	1 in 2,000,000
Commercial aviation	US	yearly average	130	1 in 2,300,000
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>1970–2013</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>1 in 4,000,000</b>
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>1970–2013</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1 in 4,300,000</b>
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>1970–2013</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1 in 5,900,000</b>
Peanut allergies	US	yearly average	50–100	1 in 6,000,000
Lightning	US	1999–2008	424	1 in 7,000,000
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>Australia (incl Bali)</b>	<b>1970–2013</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1 in 8,000,000</b>
<b>Transnational Terrorism</b>	<b>World outside war zones</b>	<b>1975–2003</b>	<b>13,971</b>	<b>1 in 12,500,000</b>
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>2002–2013</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1 in 110,000,000</b>

Source: Terrorism fatalities taken from START, Global Terrorism Database. It contains country-by-country information for more than 140,000 terrorist incidents that took place throughout the world between 1970 and 2013. The GTD has been updated since 2007 to include more terrorist incidents for the 1970–2007 period than were included in earlier editions of the compilation.

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