

Ebola is the least of your worries.

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What will kill you? If you live in the United States, it almost certainly won't be Ebola. Although a Sierra Leone doctor in Nebraska and a Liberian visitor in Dallas have died of the disease, the odds favor death by almost every other alternative. A 2014 National Safety Council report uses mortality data and U.S. population statistics from 2010 to synthesize the likelihood of dying by various methods. Most likely, something far less exotic will get you.

Note: All death odds were calculated using 2010 population data. The two Ebola deaths on American soil were also calculated with a 2010 population figure to facilitate comparison.

CAUSE	LIFETIME ODDS	YEARLY ODDS	YEARLY DEATHS
Ebola	1 in 1,967,150	1 in 309,629,415	1
pajamas catching fire	1 in 983,575	1 in 77,407,353	4
a snake bite	1 in 437,144	1 in 34,403,268	9
struck by lightning	1 in 135,666	1 in 10,676,876	29
an airplane accident	1 in 8,335	1 in 655,995	472
influenza	1 in 79	1 in 6,181	50,097
stroke	1 in 30	1 in 2,391	129,476
cancer	1 in 7	1 in 538	574,743
heart disease	1 in 7	1 in 534	579,689