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Re: Report to the Legislature on injuries incurred by skateboarders in public skateboard parks or facilities mandated under Health and Safety Code 115800.

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Wilson:

Enclosed is the 2010 Judicial Council report on the injuries incurred by skateboarders in public skateboard parks or facilities mandated under Health and Safety Code 115800.

Report Process

As of January 1, 2001, public agencies are required to report only injuries incurred in skateboard parks built on or after January 1, 1998. In 2002, the Judicial Council submitted a report on injuries sustained in skateboard parks during calendar year 2001. This report includes information submitted to the Judicial Council on injuries sustained in skateboard parks between 2002 and 2010.

Summary of Findings

Thirty-four public agencies submitted reports of skateboarding injuries in their jurisdictions between the council's previous report to the Legislature and the end of calendar year 2010.

- A total of 792 injuries were reported between 2002 and 2010;
- Facial injuries were the most common type of injury reported, followed by injuries to the ankle, head, and arm.

None of the public agencies that reported these injuries to the Judicial Council mentioned any claims or lawsuits filed against them as a result of such injuries.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Dag MacLeod, manager of the AOC Office of Court Research, at 415-865-7660.

Sincerely,



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Report title: *Report on Injuries from Skateboarding in Public Skateboard Parks*

Statutory citation: *Health and Safety Code 115800*

Date of report: *March 31, 2011*

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 115800.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

Thirty-four public agencies submitted reports of skateboarding injuries in their jurisdictions between the council's previous report to the Legislature and the end of calendar year 2010. A total of 792 injuries were reported between 2002 and 2010. Facial injuries were the most common, followed by injuries to the ankle, head, and arm.

None of the public agencies that reported these injuries to the Judicial Council reported that any claims or lawsuits had been filed against them as a result of the reported injuries.

The full report can be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7454.

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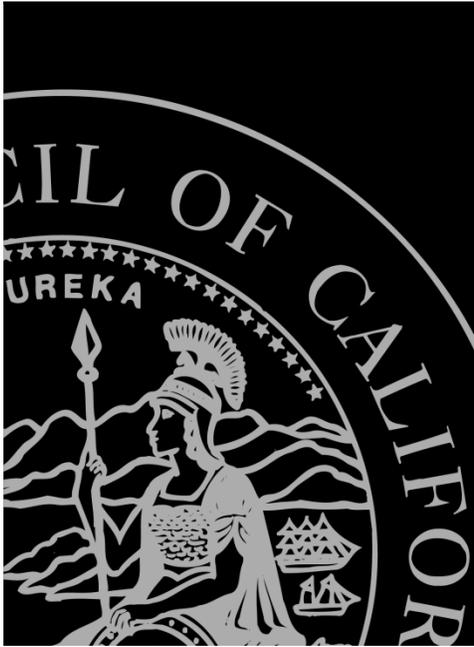
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Report on Injuries From Skateboarding in Public Skateboard Parks

MANDATED UNDER HEALTH & SAFETY
CODE SECTION 115800



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Skateboarding Injuries in Public Skateboard Parks or Facilities

Report to the Legislature

March 31, 2011

The Judicial Council submits to the Legislature this report on injuries from skateboarding in public skateboard parks or facilities under section 115800 of the Health and Safety Code.

Section 115800 requires that “The appropriate local public agency shall maintain a record of all known or reported injuries incurred by a skateboarder in a public skateboard park or facility. The local public agency shall also maintain a record of all claims, paid and not paid, including any lawsuits and their results, arising from those incidents that were filed against the public agency.” These public agencies, in turn, are required to report these items annually to the Judicial Council.

As of January 1, 2001, public agencies are required to report only injuries incurred in skateboard parks built on or after January 1, 1998. In 2002, the Judicial Council submitted a report on injuries sustained in skateboard parks during calendar year 2001. This report includes information submitted to the Judicial Council on injuries sustained in skateboard parks between 2002 and 2010.

Summary of Findings

Thirty-four public agencies submitted reports of skateboarding injuries in their jurisdictions between the council’s previous report to the Legislature and the end of calendar year 2010 (See Table 1). Their full reports have been scanned and are available on request.

Table 1: Cities Reporting Injuries Sustained in Public Skateboard Parks

Anderson	El Cajon	Los Angeles	Sacramento
Apple Valley	Elk Grove	Millbrae	San Clemente
Bellflower	Escondido	Moorpark	Santa Barbara
Burbank	Folsom	Murietta	Santa Clarita
Campbell	Fresno	Murrieta	Santa Monica
Concord	Glendale	Newbury Park	Vista
Corona	Laguna Hills	Pacific	Walnut Creek
Costa Mesa	Laguna Niguel	Poway	Yreka
Duarte	Livermore		

A total of 792 injuries were reported between 2002 and 2010. The total number of injuries reported by city and year are reported below in Table 2. Facial injuries were the most common, followed by injuries to the ankle, head, and arm.

None of the public agencies that reported these injuries to the Judicial Council reported that any claims or lawsuits had been filed against them as a result of the reported injuries.

Table 2. Number of Skateboard Injury Accidents Reported

City	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Anderson						2	2					4
Apple Valley						1					1	2
Bellflower						11		2	3	1	7	24
Burbank						9	6	3	8		4	30
Campbell						14	13	13	5			45
Concord									1			1
Corona								1				1
Costa Mesa							2		1			3
Duarte				1								1
El Cajon						15	10	14	9	9		57
Elk Grove						9	6	8	7	7	3	40
Escondido								14	9	16	14	53
Folsom						9	10	18				37
Fresno					6	6	1					13
Glendale					1	29	30	27	22	28	25	162
Laguna Hills	1					1	3	1		1		7
Laguna Niguel						23	29					52
Livermore						1		1				2
Los Angeles											1	1
Millbrae								3				3
Moorpark						6	2	4	1		1	14
Murietta		1	1									2
Murrieta		1	3	2		1						7
Newbury Park						7						7
Pacifica						2	4					6
Poway							1					1
Sacramento						4	2	1				7
San Clemente								2		1		3
Santa Barbara						6	7	2		2	1	18
Santa Clarita							1	5	11	17	2	36
Santa Monica						52	24	23	16	16	9	140
Vista						3	2	4				9
Walnut Creek						1	2					3
Yreka						1						1
Total	1	2	4	3	7	213	157	146	93	98	68	792

Data and Methodology

The Office of Court Research of the Administrative Office of the Courts collected reports from agencies that recognized their obligation to report skateboarding injuries. In addition, a search in the legal journals and periodicals for any summary articles on this topic yielded no results. A search of the Westlaw and LexisNexis databases revealed no case filings in California involving skateboarding injuries between 2002 and 2010. Filing and disposition data that the Administrative Office of the Courts receives from the trial courts do not allow us to identify skateboarding injuries as a specific case type.

It is possible that more than 34 agencies were required to report this information to the Judicial Council, but there is no way to identify errant agencies.