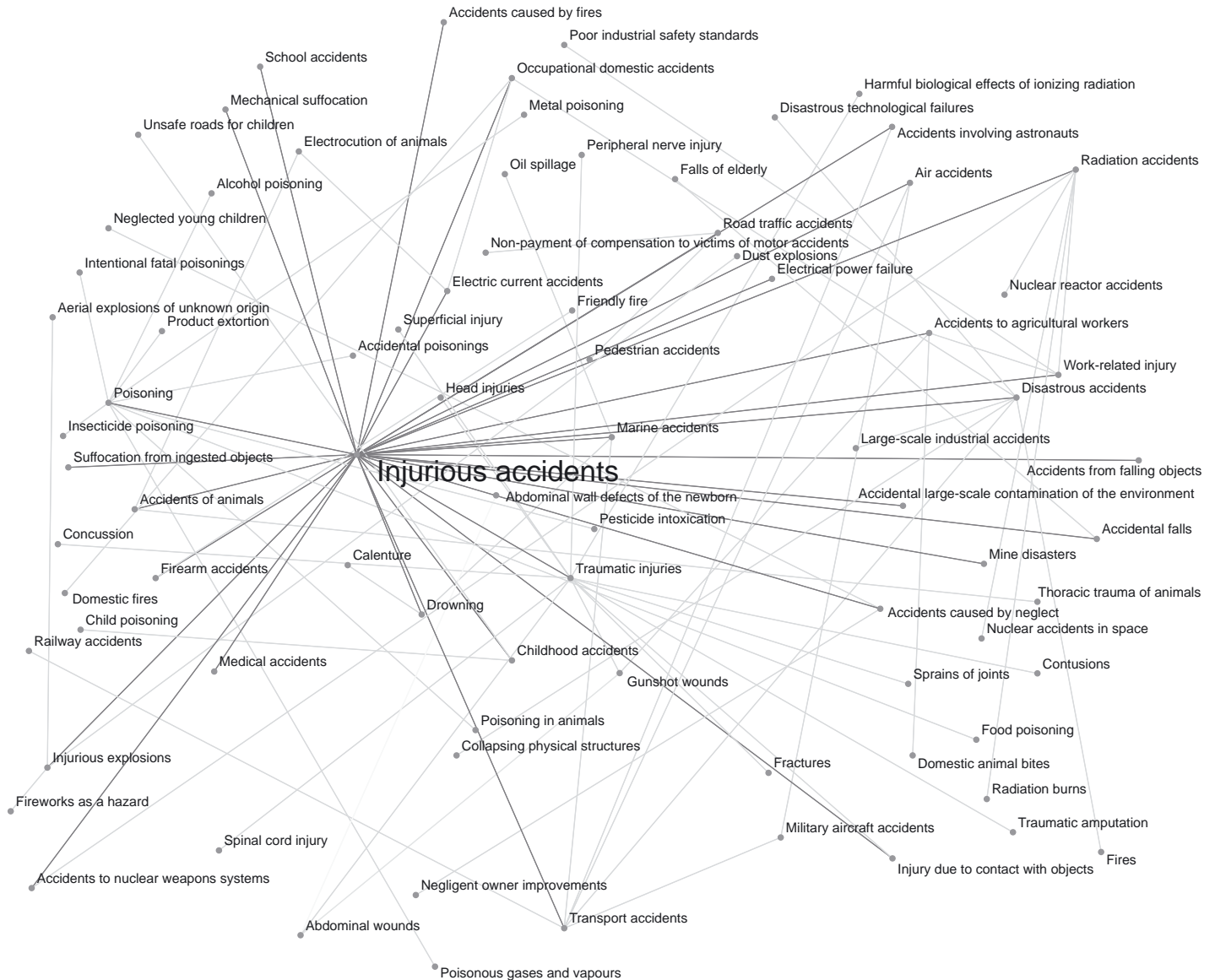


**Figure 10.2.4.**  
**Injurious accidents**

**Link type:** narrower problems

**UIA database:** <http://www.uia.ac.cn>

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Accidents cause tremendous suffering and countless disabilities, are a major cause of death at all ages, entail vast cost to society and happen in all countries of the world. In most industrialized countries accidents are the main cause of death during the first half of probable life expectancy. Accidents are gender and age related: young women have a higher frequency of traffic accidents than other types, whereas men are more likely to have work accidents. Many seemingly trivial accidents, such as falls, turn out to be more serious, particularly in the case of old people. Older women are particularly noted for domestic accidents, usually falls resulting in fracture of the thigh or hip. Experts estimate that for each accidental death there are several hundred non-fatal accidents, and maybe ten or so permanent disabilities. Accidents account for only a small percentage of all deaths in the developing countries, but as other causes of death and disability - such as malnutrition and communicable diseases - are gradually overcome, accidents will come to the fore.