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World's 15 Riskiest Sports

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If you like your sports with a bit more in the way of adrenaline, what would that list include? The team at [SBO.net](#) – an online betting site – have compiled some of the craziest, most death-defying sports in the world, from base-jumping off buildings to facing down the horns of a bull.

While high speed sailing didn't make the cut, 15 events have been identified, each with the number of deaths, locations it's done, and important facts – as well as a risk factor, so you can find one just right for how deadly you want to go.

All of the sports are risky – but some take it a step further. Here are some of the riskiest sports:

The Riskiest Sports in the World

Are you an adrenaline junkie? Do you like your sports high-octane, high-danger, and high-flying? You've come to the right place – check out the risks of some of the craziest sports in the world.

Location, Injury rates, Deaths, Risk percentage

BIG WAVE Surfing

Experienced surfers either paddle or are pulled onto giant waves of over 6.2 metres and up to 30 metres in height.

Orbital
Injury rates are surprisingly low due to faster surfers being in the water at the same time.
0 deaths in recent years
500'

If they capsize, surfers can be pushed up to 15 metres below the surface in a matter of seconds, making it difficult to return to the surface. Impact injuries can also occur.



HIGH ALTITUDE MOUNTAINEERING

High altitude climbing involves mountaineering at extreme altitudes to reach some of the highest summits on the planet, with Everest being the best known.

- Global 90%
- The death rate attempting to climb Mount Everest is 1/20
- 200 people have died attempting to climb Everest alone, with thousands more on other mountains around the world.

The risks at high altitudes are very severe, with low oxygen and extreme weather systems making the likelihood of injury or death very real. The area above 8,000 metres is known as the Death Zone.



HORSE RIDING

Riding horses takes many forms from leisure riding, cross country, eventing and horse racing.

Risks differ depending on the riding style, with racing being the most dangerous with one injury for every five hours of riding.

- Global 90%
- One in every 10,000 regular riders suffers a fatality
- 100+ deaths per year
- 75%



BASE JUMPING

Parachuting or wingsuiting from any fixed structure including buildings, antennas, spires (bridges) and earth (usually cliffs) - hence the acronym BASE.

- Anywhere there is a tall building
- For every 750 jumps is fatal
- 200 deaths since 1991
- 65%

Jumping from fixed structures is incredibly risky due to the proximity to the ground, the structure itself and often other hazards below.



Cycling

Different forms of cycling involve races on roads, tracks and mountains where participants aim to record the fastest time or cross the line first.

- Global 19 deaths since 1994
- 1 in 10,000 chance of fatality
- 30%

Races are often very high speed with little protection or take place in very hazardous environments, meaning injuries and deaths are not uncommon.



OFF-PISTE SKIING

Avalanche risks is the main concern when going off-piste, but exhaustion, rock falls, trees and cliffs can also pose a threat.

- Mainly USA and Europe
- 2-4 injuries per 1000 on piste
- 100+ deaths a year
- 90%

Skating on unmarked or unpatrolled areas of the mountain gives you access to fresh powder and lets you explore but it's not without its risks.

Risks commonly include

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SKYDIVING

non-deployment of parachute, mid-air collisions and landing injuries, with freezing and electrocution also a risk.

100% — 100% chance of fatality

100 deaths since 2004

70%

Introducing it on a high point to see it through a controlled descent and the use of a parachute usually from a plane or BSR structure.

RUGBY

UK, Australia, South Africa, Ireland, France, Italy, New Zealand

110 players in the UK have been paralyzed playing rugby

110 deaths since 1900

40%

A 15-a-side game where players use their hand and feet to try and carry the ball over the opponents try line to score points.

Rugby is a very high impact sport that revolves around tackling players head on without much protection.

Bull fighting

A traditional sporting event where bullfighters enter a bull ring with one or a number of large bulls and attempt to get as close as possible to the animal without being gored.

In some forms of bullfighting, matadors attempt to kill the bull by getting as close to the head as possible which increases the risk of injury or death.

Spain, Portugal, Latin America

In 2013, 17 injuries occurred across Spain

543 deaths over the past 3 centuries

70%

Boxing

Global

An average of 10 boxers die a year from head injuries

339 fatalities between 1950 - 2007

55%

Even with protective gloves, the risk of head injury or brain trauma is high due to the speed and ferocity of contact.

A combat sport where two fighters wearing protective gloves throw punches and attempt to score points or knock their opponent out.

FOOTBALL (Soccer)

Two teams of 11 attempt to score goals by kicking or heading the ball into the opposing team's net, located at either end of a rectangular pitch.

Football is a contact sport played at high intensity meaning that impact injuries are common and frequently serious.

Global

130 deaths on the field since 1885

33% of football injuries involve concussions

80%

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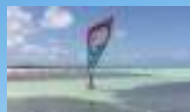
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