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Hello,

Children are better off in low-rise housing; high rises either restrict their outdoor activity or leave them relatively unsupervised out-doors, which may be why children who live in high rises have, on average, more behavior problems. Residents of high-rises probably have fewer friendships in the buildings, and certainly help each other less. Crime and fear of crime probably are greater in high-rise buildings. A small proportion of suicides may be attributable to living in high rises.

Gifford, R. (2007). The consequences of living in high-rise buildings. *Architectural Science Review*, 50(1), 2–17. <https://doi.org/10.3763/asre.2007.5002>

Thanks,

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