

Injury Prevention Pathway Overview



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INJURY PREVENTION PATHWAY

Violence and injuries affect everyone regardless of age, race, economic status. In the first half of life, more Americans die from violence and injuries—such as motor vehicle crashes, falls or homicides—than from any other cause including cancer, HIV, and the flu (CDC, 2015). Furthermore, child injury is predictable and preventable. It is also among the most under-recognized public health problems facing our country today (CDC, 2015). The Injury Prevention Pathway addresses the factors impacting unintentional and intentional injuries, building communities where people can thrive.

INJURY PREVENTION PATHWAY GOAL

To build safe communities through implementation of policies, systems, and environmental change strategies that decrease preventable injuries, increase child safety, decrease bicycle, pedestrian, and motor vehicle-related injuries, and decrease community violence.

STRATEGIES TO PREVENT INJURIES

- Helmet Use Enforcement and Education
- Reduce Speed Limits
- Creation of Bike Lanes
- Sidewalk Improvements and Maintenance
- Safe Routes to school
- Seat belt and Child Restraint Law Enforcement and Education
- Community Engagement in Injury Prevention Strategies
- Creating Gun-Free Establishments
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

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