

# Division of Injury Prevention & Control

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## **Mission:**

The Division of Injury Prevention and Control is dedicated to reducing injuries to North Dakotans through leadership, education, resources and policy.

## **Programs within the division include:**

**Injury Prevention Program:** The overall goal of this program is to reduce unintentional injuries to North Dakotans, with special emphasis on children and women. The program uses a variety of best practice strategies, including primary prevention theories, data collection and analysis, intervention design and development, training and technical assistance, policy advocacy, and evaluation.

Projects include:

- Coordinating a State Injury Prevention Coalition to address the impact of injury in North Dakota.
- Coordinating poison prevention educational activities in conjunction with the North Dakota Poison Control Center (Hennepin Regional Poison Control Center).
- Participating in injury prevention work groups.
- Collaborating with other state and local agencies to address injury prevention.
- Providing education and information to the general population of North Dakota in regard to unintentional injury topics, such as home, playground and bike safety.
- Training a network of Stepping On leaders around the state. Stepping On is a program that offers older adults a way of reducing falls by incorporating and discussing a range of issues that include falls and risks, strength and balance exercises, initiating a medication review, vision exams, home safety, safe footwear and what to do and how to prevent or cope after a fall.
- Monitoring and providing technical assistance to funded agencies.
- Serving as the state designee for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission by conducting recall effectiveness checks and participating in special Consumer Product Safety Commission campaigns. Publishing a quarterly newsletter.

**Child Passenger Safety Program:** The goal of the Child Passenger Safety Program is to decrease injuries and death to children due to motor vehicle crash events. The program uses a variety of best practice strategies, including data collection and analysis, design and development of initiatives, training and technical assistance, policy and advocacy, and evaluation. Activities include:

- Coordinate statewide car seat distribution programs.
- Providing ongoing technical assistance to professionals and consumers in regard to child passenger safety best practices.
- Coordinating and supporting child passenger safety trainings throughout the state to professionals.
- Providing child passenger safety best practice information and education to North Dakotans to promote correct use of car seats and seat belts.
- Coordinating, conducting and supporting existing car seat checkups.
- Ensuring child passenger safety technicians have access to re-certification opportunities including access to car seat checkups, continuing education units and updates.

**Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program:** The overall goal is to prevent and reduce domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking crimes in North Dakota by:

- Implementing primary prevention strategies using the public health approach to prevent sexual violence and intimate partner violence by promoting healthy relationships, social norms change, and bystander intervention.
- Funding projects specifically addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking including supervised visitation and exchange services.
- Supporting coordinated community response to strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking crimes and to develop and strengthen victim services.
- Emphasizing implementation of comprehensive strategies that are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims and that hold offenders accountable for their crimes.
- Supporting trauma informed intervention measures for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking.
- Collecting and analyzing domestic violence and sexual assault data, attitude surveys, and crime statistics
- Monitoring and providing technical assistance to funded agencies.
- Partnering with stakeholders to develop and implement policies, advocate, provide training and technical assistance, and evaluate projects or programs.

**Suicide Prevention Program:** The overall goal of the Suicide Prevention Program is to reduce the number of attempted and completed suicides across all ages and races of North Dakota residents by:

- Collecting data on completed suicides and supporting expansion of data collection to include suicide attempts.
- Promoting public awareness of suicide and suicide prevention strategies.
- Collaborating with the North Dakota Suicide Prevention Coalition to apply suicide prevention and early intervention strategies within the members' professional work and communities and to reduce the stigma of help-seeking.
- Providing grants for suicide prevention activities.
- Seeking funding sources to expand suicide prevention and early intervention work in North Dakota.
- Collaborating with other state and local agencies to address suicide prevention in North Dakota.



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