Our mission is to strengthen the practice of injury & violence prevention.

STARTING POINT

Your Guide to Safe States Membership
Members of the Safe States Alliance have unparalleled opportunities to discover, connect, empower, and grow as leaders in public health.

You’re now apart of a growing network of over 500 injury and violence prevention (IVP) professionals who represent:

- State health departments
- Local health departments
- Tribal health organizations
- Hospital and healthcare organizations
- Academic institutions
- Federal agencies
- Private and non-profit organizations

**Connect with Staff and Other Members**

Use our [member directory](#) to find peers by name, location, organization, or position type.

Can’t find what you’re looking for? Reach out to [Safe States staff](#) for assistance. In addition to connecting you with other members, staff can assist with identifying helpful resources, brainstorming program-related questions, and addressing other technical assistance needs.

If you’re ever unsure who to pose a question or request to, send your inquiry to [info@safestates.org](mailto:info@safestates.org) and someone from the Safe States Alliance will assist.
Stay Informed

Safe States aims to keep you informed of all the latest events, resources, and opportunities related to injury and violence prevention. Here's what you can expect to see:

Email Communications

**INsight**
INsight is our monthly newsletter alerting you to what’s going on in the field. You’ll hear thoughts from our President, governmental updates from our Washington insider, Safe States news and updates, and highlights from partners.

**Advocacy Alerts**
Things move fast in the policy world, and Safe States wants you to have the information and tools you need to jump into action when the time is right. Our advocacy alerts notify you when time-sensitive actions are needed to protect and strengthen injury and violence prevention efforts.

**Announcements**
Webinars, professional development opportunities, newly released tools, and other timely updates come your way via announcement emails.

Social Media
Do you prefer your updates in 140 characters or less? Follow Safe States through our social channels:

- [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SafeStates)
- [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/safe-states-alliance)
- [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SafeStatesGrassroots/)

Website
Safe States shares partner news, upcoming events, and other announcements, as well as, tools, publications, and trainings on our website. Check it out at [www.safestates.org](http://www.safestates.org)!
Access Your Benefits

www.safestates.org

- Learn more about Safe States and access the staff and Executive Committee directories
- Participate in programs run by Safe States
- Search and access over 70 self-study trainings through the Training Center
- Connect with members through our directory, join a Special Interest Group, and access other member-only content
- Strengthen your advocacy skills with our policy tools and resources
- Locate topic- and state-specific reports and publications relevant to your work
- Stay informed about upcoming events, news, resources, and more
- Register for upcoming Safe States events and trainings
Expand Your Skill Set
Visit the Safe States Training Center

Learn about the core competencies for public health and IVP

Get started by taking an online assessment to determine your strengths and weaknesses in IVP

Complete the online training evaluation to receive CEU credit

Check out other workforce development resources from Safe States and partner organizations

Find the Training Center in the drop down menu here

Welcome to the Safe States Training Center

A resource for accessing trainings and workshops to enhance knowledge and build skills that will include those offered by Safe States Alliance, as well as other opportunities at national, state, tribal, and local levels.

Search by keyword, topic area, credit available, format, and competency covered

Use the Safe States Training Center to:
- Explore the Training Center’s searchable database of:
  - injury and violence topics
  - cross-cutting topics (e.g., evaluation, communications)
- Person formats
- Find out how to earn continuing education credits
- Take a self-assessment based on core competencies
- Submit a Training
- Find out how to earn Continuing Education units

A trained, high-caliber workforce contributes to the overall strength of injury and violence prevention research, interventions and the field as a whole. Injury and violence prevention workforce development is necessary to enlarge the pool of skilled and competent professionals, build capacity for injury and violence prevention, and draw talented professionals to this field.

Have your training or workforce development opportunity added to the searchable database

Have you taken a core competency self-assessment?
Join a Special Interest Group

**Special Interest Groups** (SIGs) are forums open to Safe States Alliance members who share similar interests or specialties in the field of injury and violence prevention. Open only to Safe States members, SIGs provide members with an opportunity to exchange ideas and stay informed about current developments in their fields.

To join a SIG, click on its link and email the Chair or Safe States staff is also happy to assist - all you have to do is share your interest!

**Current SIGs**

**Hospital Injury Prevention**
The purpose of this SIG is to provide a forum for Safe States members with experience in hospital trauma to express ideas, learn of best practices, and contribute to expert discussions with peers and colleagues. It is also a great way to stay informed about current developments and build a network of professional contacts in this field.

**Partner & Sexual Violence**
The Partner & Sexual Violence SIG provides a forum for Safe States members to discuss and share program strategies, resources and policy initiatives aimed at reducing Partner and Sexual Violence. Through the PSVP SIG, members can engage with colleagues in violence prevention as they develop informational briefs, promote evidence-based interventions, promote educational opportunities, develop innovative policy change strategies, and develop unifying messages for social norms change to prevent partner and sexual violence.
State Designated Representatives
The State Designated Representative SIG provides an organized forum where the State Designated Representatives can: (1) share their professional activities and studies through meetings, publications, training and other organized activities; (2) advise the Executive Committee of Safe States on matters pertaining to state health department injury and violence prevention programs; (3) organize technical programs for state injury and violence prevention program directors; (4) collect and disseminate information concerning state injury and violence prevention programs; and (5) represent Safe States through national activities, either as a group or through one of its members, at the request of the Executive Committee of Safe States staff.

Don’t see a topic of interest? Any member can start a SIG by joining with other members interested in a similar topic. Contact Safe States staff to help you get started.
Join a Committee

Safe States has five committees that make use of members’ professional expertise while providing leadership opportunities for our members within Safe States and to the injury and violence prevention field. Safe States recognizes the importance of diversity on these committees, and the personal commitment and contribution of time.

With the exception of the Executive Committee, all members are eligible and encouraged to join any of the other five committees on a rolling basis by emailing the committee chair or Safe States staff.

The Executive Committee provides leadership and direction for programs, committees, activities and events. Representatives are member-elected, and elections occur in the spring/summer of each year. All members are encouraged to nominate and/or run for a position on the Executive Committee as positions are opened annually. If holding a position is not right for you at the time, be sure to cast your vote for others.

Current Committees

**The Annual Meeting Planning Committee:**
- Develops the theme of the Annual Meeting
- Plans the activities for the Annual Meeting, including both educational and social activities
- Plans the schedule for the Annual Meeting
- Reviews and selects abstract submissions for concurrent poster sessions for the annual meeting

**The Concept Development Committee:**
- Provide feedback on written concept proposals
- Develop and prioritize ideas for potential Safe States projects and concepts for public and private funders.
- Research and discuss emerging injury and violence prevention topics
The Finance/Audit Committee:
- Monitors compliance with established financial policies and procedures
- Monitors expenditures and recommends budget revisions for the Executive Committee
- Coordinates annual independent audits
- Reviews and updates the reserves policy
- Develops recommendations for reinvesting investment income in line with the investment policy

The Membership Development Committee:
- Facilitates membership orientation sessions
- Plans and facilitates social functions for Annual Meetings
- Supports a membership dues strategy
- Engages members to serve on committees and workgroups and develops opportunities for leadership development
- Assists with identification and development of new resources and tools that respond to member and overall IVP field needs

The Policy Committee:
- Develops the annual policy agenda for the Safe States Alliance
- Develops and recommends policy and position statements to address injury and violence-related issues
- Plans an annual “Hill Day” for members to visit Capitol Hill and educate Congress about injury and violence prevention activities, challenges, and successes
Get Involved

JOIN a Committee or Special Interest Group

ATTEND a webinar or live event

CONNECT with peers and other IVP professionals

We are here for you and always happy to help!

www.safestates.org

Reach Safe States Staff:

Email

Staff Directory

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