Who We Are

Formed in 1993, the Safe States Alliance is the only national non-profit organization and professional association comprised of public health injury and violence prevention professionals representing all U.S. states and territories.

Our diverse and growing membership includes more than 600 individuals and organizations from:
- state, local, and tribal health departments
- schools/universities
- federal agencies
- hospitals/health care organizations
- private non-profit organizations

Our vision is to be the recognized leader and driving force in understanding and preventing injuries and violence.

What We Do

We offer members unparalleled opportunities to discover, connect, empower, and grow as leaders in injury and violence prevention (IVP). Together, we advance our mission and vision by engaging in activities that:

- Increase the awareness of injury and violence throughout the lifespan;
- Provide educational opportunities, training, and professional development on IVP;
- Collaborate with partners to achieve shared goals;
- Advocate for public health policies designed to advance the field;
- Convene leaders and serve as the voice of IVP programs;
- Represent the diverse professionals that make up the IVP field; and
- Enhance the capacity and effectiveness of public health agencies and their partners by disseminating best practices, setting standards for surveillance, conducting program assessments, and facilitating peer-to-peer technical assistance.

Why It Matters

Injuries and violence are significant public health problems, many of which are rooted in unjust social and systemic policies across generations; they are among the most common and costly. At Safe States, we acknowledge the perpetual injustices that racism inflicts on the communities we serve and commit to advancing anti-racism and equity in our organizational policies, practices, and values.

By forging strong partnerships, we collectively amplify the voice of injury and violence prevention and can make a significant impact.

Join us as we work side by side to reduce the burden and strengthen the practice of injury and violence prevention.