

IMPACTS OF THE REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE ON CDC'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL (NCIPC)



In the US, injuries and violence are the leading causes of death in the first half of life.

In 2020 alone, injuries and violence were responsible for more than:

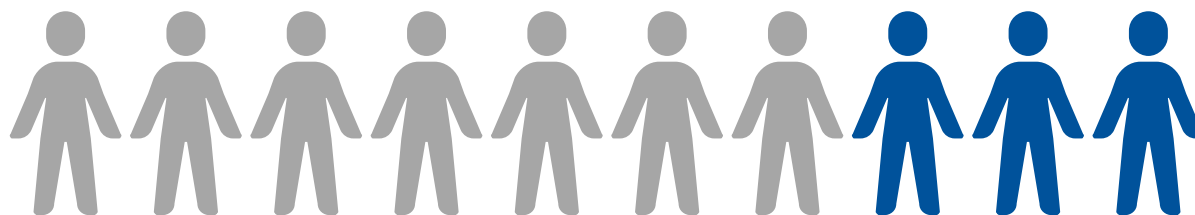
270,000 deaths

\$4 trillion in costs to U.S.

For over 30 years, experts at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) have worked to prevent violence, overdose, suicide, injuries (e.g., drowning, automobile accidents), and much more.



As a result of the April and October 2025 reductions in force (RIFs), NCIPC lost roughly 450 of its 700 experts.



That's nearly 7 out of 10 NCIPC staff who have been let go including experts in applied sciences, evaluation, data analysis, surveillance, and informatics that support preventing injuries and violence across the lifespan.

These critical injury & violence areas are left without experts:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Rape/Sexual abuse
- Domestic violence
- Youth violence
- Teen dating violence
- Capacity building
- Older adult falls
- Global violence
- Drowning
- Outbreak investigations
- Data modernization
- Veterans' health
- Support for Tribes
- Injury and violence prevention research
- Concussions
- Data collection
- Transportation injury and death



The loss of expertise resulting from the reductions in NCIPC's workforce will lead to increased injury and violence-related deaths.

NCIPC provided public health services to states, tribes, and localities that no other federal agency can. With reduced staff, the continuation of these services is at risk.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Over 80% of NCIPC funding has gone to communities.



INFORMATIVE DATA

NCIPC historically operates the nation's most comprehensive and fastest data system in the country to guide prevention efforts.



EXPERT GUIDANCE

Until April 2025, NCIPC employed the leading injury and violence prevention experts that provided no-cost guidance, evaluation, and technical assistance to communities.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

For decades, NCIPC has provided emergency-on-the-ground expertise to any jurisdiction that requests help to combat local injury or violence emergencies (e.g., suicide clusters).

As a result of staff eliminations, the **life saving impacts of NCIPC's work are in jeopardy.** This includes:



DROWNING PREVENTION

NCIPC's drowning prevention staff was the **sole federal team dedicated to fighting this leading cause of death in children aged 1-4.** Their guidance has been crucial in advancing life saving swimming and water safety programs, which **reduce drowning risks by up to 88%.**



RAPE PREVENTION

NCIPC's Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) program supports **111 programs** across all state and territories. **It is the only national initiative dedicated to preventing sexual violence,** which impacts 1 in 4 women in the U.S. and carries an **economic burden of \$1.3 trillion.**



INJURY & VIOLENCE CRISIS RESPONSE

As the **sole federal entity providing immediate, no-cost public health expertise in violence and injury emergencies,** NCIPC is vital for states, tribes, and localities in crisis. This expertise guides urgent public health interventions that promote the safety of communities.



INJURY PREVENTION RESEARCH & TRAINING

For every \$1 NCIPC invests in Injury Control Research Centers, over \$15 is saved in the immense costs associated with injuries, opioid use, falls, and road safety.

The Safe States Alliance is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving as the voice in support of injury and violence prevention professionals engaged in building a safer, healthier America. Founded in 1993, Safe States is the only national organization comprised of public health injury and violence prevention professionals representing all states and territories in the United States.

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