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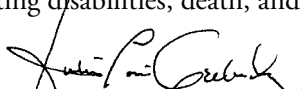
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Directors' Messages

Every day, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) extraordinary team of dedicated men and women works around the clock and around the globe to protect Americans' health. CDC has two overarching goals for health protection:

- All people—and especially those at greatest risk for health disparities—will achieve their optimal lifespan with the best possible quality of health in every stage of life.
- People in all communities will be protected from infectious, occupational, environmental, and terrorist threats.

CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) plays a critical role in reaching these goals. From protecting infants and toddlers against injuries in the home, to preventing youth violence, to researching how communities can best prepare for and handle large-scale emergencies, NCIPC is dedicated to keeping Americans safe from injuries and violence—and reducing their resulting disabilities, death, and costs—across all life stages.

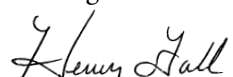


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The work of NCIPC contributes greatly to CDC's efforts to address the safety needs of its most important client—the American people. NCIPC provides national leadership in identifying research priorities and promoting tools for injury and violence prevention, joins with partners to turn research into actions that reduce injuries and disabilities, and prompts action for a safer, healthier nation through a wide range of programs.

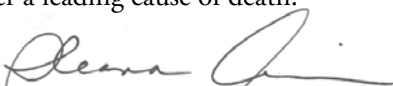


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Preventable injuries and violence take the lives of thousands of Americans each year. One of CDC's health impact goals is to reduce deaths from injuries. At NCIPC, we take that goal seriously, and we work tirelessly to meet or exceed it. And we're making progress. We have seen reductions in bullying, fewer young children who ride unrestrained in cars, and fewer older adults who die in residential fires. But there is much more to do. As you will see by the programs described in this fact book, we are studying how, when, and why injuries occur; developing and testing new strategies to prevent injuries; and disseminating to at-risk populations the prevention strategies that have been proven to work. We pledge to continue our efforts until injuries are no longer a leading cause of death.



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