About the Core Competencies

Every day, the work of the Department of Health, Injury Prevention and Control Section aims to encompass essential knowledge and skills that are widely considered necessary in the field of injury and violence prevention. These competencies provide a basis for professional development and are intended to guide future training and curriculum development efforts.

The Core Competencies of Injury & Violence Prevention

1. Ability to describe and explain injury and/or violence as a major social and health problem.

2. Ability to access, interpret, use and present injury and/or violence data.

3. Ability to design and implement injury and/or violence prevention activities.

4. Ability to evaluate injury and/or violence prevention activities.

5. Ability to build and manage an injury and/or violence prevention program.

6. Ability to disseminate information related to injury and/or violence prevention to the community, other professionals, key policy makers and leaders through diverse communication networks.

7. Ability to stimulate change related to injury and/or violence prevention through policy, enforcement, advocacy, and education.

8. Ability to maintain and further develop competency as an injury and/or violence prevention professional.

9. Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and best practices necessary to address at least one specific injury and/or violence topic (e.g. motor vehicle occupant injury, intimate partner violence, fire and burns, suicide, drowning, child injury, etc.) and be able to serve as a resource regarding that area.

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