## **About the Core Competencies**



Every day, the work of the <u>Department of Health, Injury Prevention and Control Section</u> 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.
- 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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