The Children’s Safety Network (CSN) National Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center works with state and territorial Title V, Maternal and Child Health (MCH), and Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) programs to strengthen their capacity to create healthy, safe, and injury-free communities for children and families. CSN works with a broad range of partners, including federal agencies, national organizations, and professional groups to increase awareness about the importance of injury and violence prevention among state health agencies and others.

CSN offers a full range of services to assist public health professionals and others in addressing injuries to infants, children, and adolescents and in developing a comprehensive system of IVP programs. CSN can provide information on evidence-based practices; conduct literature searches for research articles; develop toolkits and other resources; review and comment on IVP plans and strategies; and assist in developing and evaluating IVP programs and policies. In addition, CSN can perform analyses of the incidence and costs of injuries and violence at the state and national levels, as well as supply information about the cost benefits of effective interventions. CSN provides these services through funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

The Injury Problem
Injuries and violence are the leading cause of death and a leading cause of hospitalization among children and adolescents in the United States. CSN can help address the following problems:

- injuries resulting from violence, including bullying and child maltreatment
- traffic-related injuries, including injuries to pedestrians and cyclists
- injuries that take place in schools, homes, and communities
- sports and recreational injuries, including drowning and injuries related to the use of off-road vehicles
- injuries in rural and agricultural settings
- youth suicide
CSN works with states to:
► maximize their capacity for IVP efforts
► integrate IVP activities into MCH services
► develop strategic plans
► create IVP policies and set standards
► build partnerships among MCH, injury prevention, and other programs
► implement effective IVP strategies in a broad range of settings
► achieve national and state performance measures
► utilize surveillance and cost data
► train and educate health professionals
► demonstrate the value and effectiveness of programs
► access national and state standards and guidelines

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► see state-specific injury fact sheets
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