

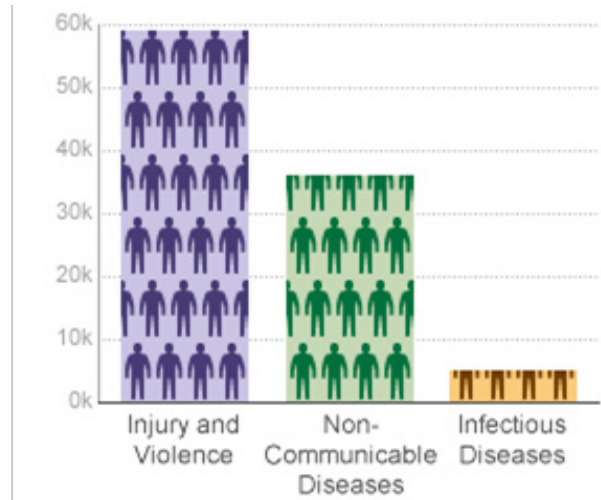
# Preventing Injuries & Violence Saves Lives & Money

**INJURIES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR AMERICANS AGES 1-44**

More than 180,000 people die from injuries each year;

THAT'S NEARLY **1** PERSON EVERY **3** MINUTES.

Number of Deaths



Injury Deaths Compared to Other Leading Causes of Death for Persons Age 1-44, United States, 2013

## INJURIES & VIOLENCE ARE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS. AREAS INCLUDE:

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| Assault & Homicide     | Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence | Pedestrian & Bike Safety               |
| Bullying               | Drowning                             | Poisoning & Prescription Drug Overdose |
| Child Maltreatment     | Elder Abuse                          | Sexual Assault & Rape                  |
| Child Passenger Safety | Falls                                | Suicide                                |
| Disaster Response      | Fires & Burns                        | Traumatic Brain Injury                 |
|                        | Motor Vehicle Safety                 | Youth Violence                         |

**In a single year, injuries and violence will cost \$406 billion!**

However, by using evidence-based public health approaches, **INJURIES AND VIOLENCE CAN BE PREVENTED.**

Every



invested in a ...

PROGRAM	SAVES \$\$\$
<sup>2</sup> Child Booster Seat	\$71
<sup>2</sup> Smoke Alarm	\$28
<sup>2</sup> Motorcycle Helmet	\$18
<sup>3</sup> At-Risk Youth Crime Prevention	\$11-22
<sup>2</sup> Fall Prevention Program for High-Risk Older Adults	\$9
<sup>4</sup> Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Screening	\$4

Savings include potential medical costs, resource costs (e.g., police, fire services, etc.), work loss, and quality of life costs in 2004 dollars.

Sources: <sup>1</sup>CDC National Vital Statistics System using CDC Wonder (<http://wonder.cdc.gov>); <sup>2</sup>Safe States Alliance, *Injury & Violence Prevention are Essential to U.S. Health Reform* (April 2009); <sup>3</sup>Greenwood, PW, Model, K, Rydell, CP, and Chiesa, J, *Diverting Children from a Life of Crime: Measuring Costs and Benefits* (RAND Monograph Report, 1998); <sup>4</sup>Faul, M., Wald, M., Rutland-Brown, W., Sullivent, E., Sattin, R. *Using a Cost-Benefit Analysis to Estimate Outcomes of a Clinical Treatment Guideline: Testing the Brain Trauma Foundation Guidelines for the Treatment of Severe Traumatic Brain Injury* (Journal of Trauma, 2007;63(6):1271-8).