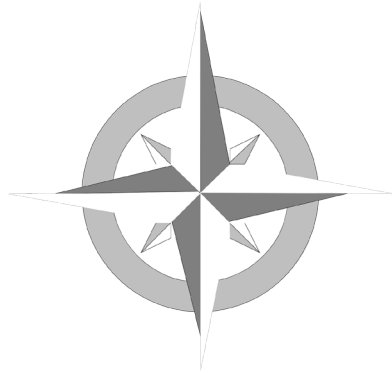


Our mission is  
to strengthen the  
practice of injury &  
violence prevention.

# STARTING POINT



## Your Guide to Safe States Membership



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# Welcome to Safe States!

Members of the Safe States Alliance have unparalleled opportunities to discover, connect, empower, and grow as leaders in public health.

You're now apart of a growing network of over 500 injury and violence prevention (IVP) professionals who represent:

- State health departments
- Local health departments
- Tribal health organizations
- Hospital and healthcare organizations
- Academic institutions
- Federal agencies
- Private and non-profit organizations

## Connect with Staff and Other Members

Use our [member directory](#) to find peers by name, location, organization, or position type.

Can't find what you're looking for? Reach out to [Safe States staff](#) for assistance. In addition to connecting you with other members, staff can assist with identifying helpful resources, brainstorming program-related questions, and addressing other technical assistance needs.

If you're ever unsure who to pose a question or request to, send your inquiry to [info@safestates.org](mailto:info@safestates.org) and someone from the Safe States Alliance will assist.

# Stay Informed



Safe States aims to keep you informed of all the latest events, resources, and opportunities related to injury and violence prevention. Here's what you can expect to see:

## Email Communications

### INsight

INsight is our monthly newsletter alerting you to what's going on in the field. You'll hear thoughts from our President, governmental updates from our Washington insider, Safe States news and updates, and highlights from partners.

### Advocacy Alerts

Things move fast in the policy world, and Safe States wants you to have the information and tools you need to jump into action when the time is right. Our advocacy alerts notify you when time-sensitive actions are needed to protect and strengthen injury and violence prevention efforts.

### Announcements

Webinars, professional development opportunities, newly released tools, and other timely updates come your way via announcement emails.

## Social Media

Do you prefer your updates in 140 characters or less? Follow Safe States through our social channels:



## Website

Safe States shares partner news, upcoming events, and other announcements, as well as, tools, publications, and trainings on our website. Check it out at [www.safestates.org](http://www.safestates.org)!



# Access Your Benefits

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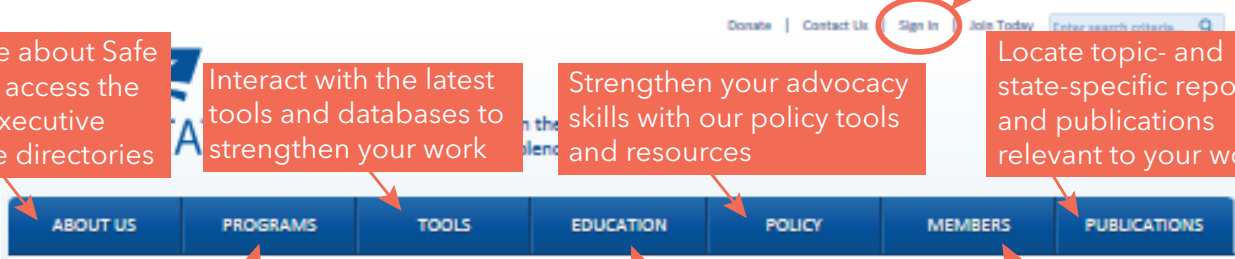
Log in to access member-only content

Learn more about Safe States and access the staff and Executive Committee directories

Interact with the latest tools and databases to strengthen your work

Strengthen your advocacy skills with our policy tools and resources

Locate topic- and state-specific reports and publications relevant to your work



Participate in programs run by Safe States

Search and access over 70 self-study trainings through the Training Center

Connect with members through our directory, join a Special Interest Group, and access other member-only content



# SAFE STATES

## Welcome to the Safe States Alliance

The Safe States Alliance is a non-profit organization and professional association whose mission is to strengthen the practice of injury and violence prevention. Members of the Safe States Alliance have unparalleled opportunities to discover, connect, empower, and grow as leaders in public health. Click the icons below to learn about the many membership benefits Safe States has to offer!

[Join Now](#)



## Login

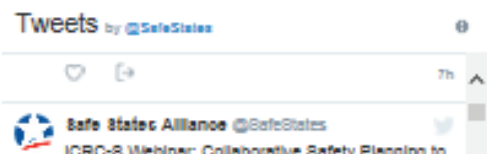
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[Haven't joined yet?](#)

**Mission Statement**  
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Stay informed about upcoming events, news, resources, and more

Register for upcoming Safe States events and trainings





# Expand Your Skill Set

## Visit the Safe States Training Center

Find the Training Center in the drop down menu here

ABOUT US | PROGRAMS | TOOLS | EDUCATION | POLICY | MEMBERS | PUBLICATIONS

### Safe States Alliance Training Center

More in this Section...

Learn about the core competencies for public health and IVP

Get started by taking an online assessment to determine your strengths and weaknesses in IVP

Check out other workforce development resources from Safe States and partner organizations

Home | **Trainings** | Core Competencies | Self-Assessments | CEUs | Resources

#### Welcome to the Safe States Training Center

Search by keyword, topic area, credit available, format, and competency covered

Complete the online training evaluation to receive CEU credit

Use the Safe States Training Center to:

- Explore the Training Center's searchable database of:
  - injury and violence topics
  - cross-cutting topics (e.g., evaluation, surveillance, communication)
- Browse all available trainings and refine your search using filters
- Take a self-assessment based on core competencies
- Find out how to earn continuing education credits
- Have your training or workforce development opportunity added to the searchable database

Have you taken a core competency self-assessment?

Latest from the Field

- 7/18/2017 Presidential Blog
- 8/2/2017 WEBINAR - Moving Upstream to Prevent Substance Misuse and Addictions: Primary Prevention in Action

Events Calendar

- 8/1/2017 » 12/19/2017 Improving your Injury and Violence Prevention Practice with the Core Competencies
- 9/12/2017 » 9/14/2017 2017 Safe States Annual Meeting



# Engage with Your Peers

## Join a Special Interest Group

[Special Interest Groups](#) (SIGs) are forums open to Safe States Alliance members who share similar interests or specialties in the field of injury and violence prevention. Open only to Safe States members, SIGs provide members with an opportunity to exchange ideas and stay informed about current developments in their fields.

To join a SIG, click on its link and email the Chair. [Safe States staff](#) can also assist - all you have to do is share your interest!

Don't see a topic of interest? Any member can start a SIG by joining with other members interested in a similar topic. [Contact Safe States staff](#) to help you get started.

## Current SIGs

### [Active Transportation & Built Environment](#)

Safe States launched the Active Transportation SIG early in 2015 to focus on the broad, cross-cutting and multi-sector areas of active transportation and the built environment, and their role in preventing injury and violence. The SIG is also a great way to stay informed about current developments and build a network of professional contacts in this field.

### [Disaster Epidemiology](#)

The Disaster Epidemiology SIG focuses on injury epidemiology issues related to disasters. The scope of interest is the use of injury epidemiology tools and approaches in disaster settings to gain improved epidemiological insights for public health action.

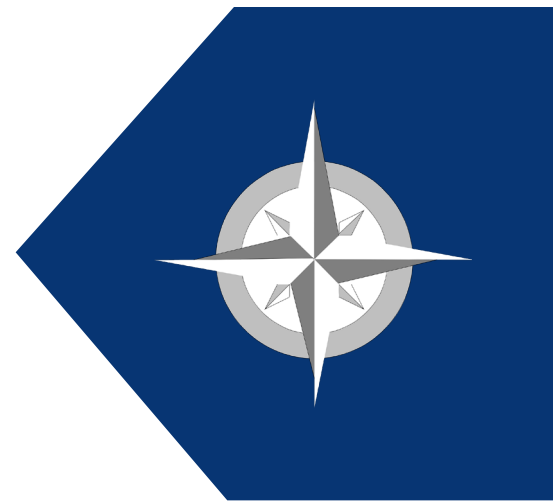
### [Hospital Injury Prevention](#)

The purpose of this SIG is to provide a forum for Safe States members with experience in hospital trauma to express ideas, learn of best practices, and contribute to expert discussions with peers and colleagues. It is also a great way to stay informed about current developments and build a network of professional contacts in this field.

### [Local Injury Prevention](#)

The purpose of this SIG is to provide a forum for Safe States members with experience at local health departments to express ideas, learn of best practices, and contribute to expert discussions with peers and colleagues.





## Current SIGs - *Continued*

### National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) SIG is dedicated to working with CDC and other partners on improving and expanding the NVDRS program. This group creates a venue and momentum for promoting more state ownership and participation in NVDRS by reviewing CDC program requirements, identifying and sharing best practices for implementing state NVDRS programs, and helping to address other technical issues as they arise.

### Partner & Sexual Violence

The Partner & Sexual Violence SIG provides a forum for Safe States members to discuss and share program strategies, resources and policy initiatives aimed at reducing Partner and Sexual Violence. Through the PSVP SIG, members can engage with colleagues in violence prevention as they develop informational briefs, promote evidence-based interventions, promote educational opportunities, develop innovative policy change strategies, and develop unifying messages for social norms change to prevent partner and sexual violence.

### State Designated Representatives

The State Designated Representative SIG provides an organized forum where the State Designated Representatives can: (1) share their professional activities and studies through meetings, publications, training and other organized activities; (2) advise the Executive Committee of Safe States on matters pertaining to state health department injury and violence prevention programs; (3) organize technical programs for state injury and violence prevention program directors; (4) collect and disseminate information concerning state injury and violence prevention programs; and (5) represent Safe States through national activities, either as a group or through one of its members, at the request of the Executive Committee of Safe States staff.



# Share Your Expertise

## Join a Committee

Safe States has five committees that make use of members' professional expertise while providing leadership opportunities for our members within Safe States and to the injury and violence prevention field. Safe States recognizes the importance of diversity on these committees, and the personal commitment and contribution of time.

### Current Committees

#### **The Executive Committee:**

- Provides leadership and direction for programs, committees, activities and events
- Conducts bi-monthly meetings
- Sets priorities & annual budget

#### **The Annual Meeting Planning Committee:**

- Develops the theme of the Annual Meeting
- Plans the activities for the Annual Meeting, including both educational and social activities
- Plans the schedule for the Annual Meeting
- Reviews and selects abstract submissions for concurrent poster sessions for the annual meeting

#### **The Finance/Audit Committee:**

- Monitors compliance with established financial policies and procedures
- Monitors expenditures and recommends budget revisions for the Executive Committee
- Coordinates annual independent audits
- Reviews and updates the reserves policy
- Develops recommendations for reinvesting investment income in line with the investment policy





## Current Committees - *continued*

### **The Membership Development Committee:**

- Facilitates membership orientation sessions
- Plans and facilitates social functions for Annual Meetings
- Supports a membership dues strategy
- Engages members to serve on committees and workgroups and develops opportunities for leadership development
- Assists with identification and development of new resources and tools that respond to member and overall IVP field needs

### **The Policy Committee:**

- Develops the annual policy agenda for the Safe States Alliance
- Develops and recommends policy and position statements to address injury and violence-related issues
- Plans an annual “Hill Day” for members to visit Capitol Hill and educate Congress about injury and violence prevention activities, challenges, and successes

## How to Join

With the exception of the Executive Committee, all members are eligible and encouraged to join any of the other four committees on a rolling basis by emailing the committee chair or [Safe States staff](#).

The Executive Committee representatives are member-elected, and elections occur in the spring/summer of each year. All members are encouraged to nominate and/or run for a position on the Executive Committee as positions are opened annually. If holding a position is not right for you at the time, be sure to cast your vote for others.



## Get Involved



**JOIN**

a Committee or  
Special Interest Group



**ATTEND**

a webinar or  
live event



**CONNECT**

with peers and  
other IVP professionals

**We are here for you and always happy to help!**

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