



2013 Policy Agenda

Safe States' 2013 Policy Priorities are to:

- Increase funding for the [Core Violence and Injury Prevention Program \(VIPP\)](#) by \$13M to ensure all states¹ have basic capacity needed to allow for coordinated and comprehensive injury and violence prevention program.
- Increase funding for the [National Violent Death Reporting System \(NVDRS\)](#) by \$20M to expand implementation nationwide. This increase in funding should be in addition to existing funding currently allocated to the CDC Injury Center for injury and violence prevention programs.

Safe States will coordinate and collaborate with partners to:

- Maintain the [Prevention and Public Health Fund](#) and assure that an adequate portion of resources address injury and violence issues and needs.
- Restore funding for the [Preventive Health and Health Services \(PHHS\) Block Grant](#) at \$100M and fund the [Maternal and Child Health \(MCH\) Block Grant](#) at \$640M. These programs provide support for state and local health department injury and violence prevention efforts given the current lack of a national injury and violence prevention funding program.
- Support reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, including resources for [CDC](#) for the surveillance and educational efforts related to preventing, recognizing, and responding to TBI, and for [HRSA](#) for services and support to individuals and families with TBIs.
- Restore funding for [youth violence prevention](#) at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at \$19M.
- Increase funding for the CDC Winnable Battles and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control's (NCIPC) focus areas including, but not limited to: motor vehicle-related injuries; violence against children and youth; prescription drug overdose and traumatic brain injury.

Safe States will monitor and support efforts to pass federal legislation on specific injury and violence prevention topics, as well as maintain and/or increase funding for public health and injury and violence prevention capacity (i.e., [Department of Transportation](#) and [Safe Routes to School](#), [Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Suicide Prevention Program](#), [National Center for Health Statistics](#), [Violence Against Women Act](#), etc).

Safe States will continue to monitor the federal fiscal outlook (including Congressional activity related to the sequester that began Friday, March 1, 2013) and will make updates to this policy agenda as needed.

¹ States include territories and the District of Columbia