

In the US, injuries and violence are the leading causes of death in the first half of life.

In 2020 alone, injuries and violence were responsible for more than:

270,000 deaths

### \$4 Trillion in costs to U.S.

For over 30 years, experts at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) have worked to prevent violence, overdose, suicide, injuries (e.g., drowning, automobile accidents), and much more.

# Impacts of the Reduction In Workforce on CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

In April 2025, NCIPC lost over 200 experts in a single day, including:











of its injury and violence data scientists

### These critical violence and injury areas are left without experts:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- o Rape/Sexual abuse
- o Domestic violence
- Youth violence
- Teen dating violence
- o Capacity building

- Older adult falls
- Global violence
- Drowning
- Concussions
- Data collection
- Transportation injury and death

- Outbreak investigations
- Data modernization
- Veterans' Health
- Support for Tribes
- Injury and violence prevention research



The recent reduction in NCIPC's workforce will lead to increased injury and violence-related deaths

NCIPC has offered public health services to states, tribes, and localities, that no other federal agency can. With reduced staff, the continuation of these services is at risk.



Community resources
Over 80% of NCIPC
funding has gone to
communities



Informative data

NCIPC historically operates the nation's fastest, most comprehensive data system in the country to guide prevention efforts



**Expert guidance** 

Until April 2025, NCIPC employed the leading injury and violence prevention experts that provided nocost guidance, evaluation, and technical assistance to communities



**Emergency response** 

For decades, NCIPC has provided emergency-on-the-ground expertise to any jurisdiction that requests help to combat local injury or violence emergencies (e.g., suicide clusters)

# As a result of staff eliminations, the life saving impacts of NCIPC's work are in jeopardy. This includes:



#### **Drowning Prevention**

NCIPC's drowning prevention staff was the sole federal team dedicated to fighting this leading cause of death in children aged 1-4. Their guidance has been crucial in advancing life saving swimming and water safety programs, which reduce drowning risks by up to 88%.



#### **Rape Prevention**

NCIPC's Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) program supports 111 programs across all state and territories. It is the only national initiative dedicated to preventing sexual violence, which impacts 1 in 4 women in the U.S. and carries an economic burden of \$1.3 trillion.



## Injury Prevention Research & Training

For every \$1 NCIPC invests in Injury Control Research Centers, over \$15 is saved in the immense costs associated with injuries, opioid use, falls, and road safety.



## Injury & Violence Crisis Response

As the sole federal entity providing immediate, no-cost public health expertise in violence and injury emergencies, NCIPC is vital for states, tribes, and localities in crisis. This expertise guides urgent public health interventions that promote the safety of communities.

The loss of decades' worth of injury and violence **prevention expertise and coordinated guidance** will have widespread negative impacts, including:



On-the ground public heath workers without experts to guide their work and verify prevention efforts are effective



The American public deprived of a response-ready public health nation



Federal **spending uninformed** by need, data, and science