Saving lives and protecting communities through injury and violence prevention at the

University of lowa

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Injury Prevention Research Center

Did you know? Injury and violence are the leading causes of death among young people between 1 and 44 years of age.

Motor vehicle crashes, falls, fires/burns, opioid overdoses, homicides, and suicides kill more young people per year than cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and the flu combined.

The good news? You can be part of the solution.

reasons to study injury & violence at the University of Iowa

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1. **A deep and varied field.** We study youth violence and bullying, road safety, opioid overdoses, occupational injury, older adult falls, community violence, suicide, disaster preparedness, and more.

2. Advocacy that makes a difference. Our research has led to improvements to lowa's child passenger restraint laws and graduated driver's licensing system; legislation emphasizing primary prevention in reducing opioid overdoses; state legislation designed to reduce violence in health care facilities; and an award-winning, nationally touring play about cyberbullying.

3. **A skills-oriented education.** Students master highly marketable skills like grant writing, project management, public policy, advocacy, manuscript writing, making presentations, and communicating with the media.



4. **Excellent funding opportunities.** Students receive financial support through training and research grants, opportunities to apply for pilot grants, and teaching assistant positions.

5. **An interdisciplinary approach.** Our program has strong connections to University of Iowa colleges, including Public Health, Medicine, Pharmacy, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Education and Nursing.

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STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



"I felt at home in the UI College of Public Health and it felt only natural to continue my studies here and work with the people who helped inspire me to pursue this work in injury and violence prevention." -Chelsea Hicks, PhD, Occupational & Environmental Health, 2021

"The opportunity to learn about injury from a range of disciplines has been hugely beneficial in my education here at the UI and will ultimately improve the way I approach research in the future." - Elizabeth O'Neal, PhD, Psychology, 2017 (child pedestrian researcher)

"I have gained valuable hands on research experience. I have had
the opportunity to complete a literature review, administer a motivational interviewing based training to parents, and to conduct follow-up with study participants." - Emily Weno, B.A., Health
Promotion, 2016



"The IPRC has members who range the various departments within the College of Public Health, but in addition to that they reach out to other colleges at UI, organizations in the Iowa City area and beyond." - Robyn Espinosa, PhD, Occupational & Environmental Health, 2021



Injury Prevention Research Center "I chose to study injury prevention at the UI because of the people at the IPRC. The IPRC staff and faculty have been so supportive of me throughout my academic career, allowing me to try new things and providing me with every opportunity that they could." - Lizzy Mello, MS, Epidemiology, 2016

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