

Goals of KIPN

KIPN's goal is to contribute to the reduction of injuries with the long-term aim of eliminating predictable and preventable injuries in Kamloops. KIPN provides a forum for people from government, community, and business to gather in their commitment for community health and safety.

KIPN is currently focusing on three main priorities:

Prevention of fall related injuries

- Facilitate awareness of the preventable nature of falls and the importance of fall prevention for people of all ages

Prevention of transportation related injuries

- Identify issues and stimulate awareness and action around pedestrian and motorist safety, and recreational activity safety through targeted initiatives

Prevention of crime related injuries

- Identify issues and increase awareness of preventable crime related injuries



Major Partners

KIPN's work in the community is carried out with many partners, including:

- City of Kamloops -
- CN Rail -
- Interior Health -
- Kamloops Brain Injury Association -
- School District #73 -
- Seniors Outreach Services Society -
- Thompson Rivers University -

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Dedicated to reducing injuries and making Kamloops the safest city in Canada to live, learn, work and play

Kamloops Injury Prevention Network

The Kamloops Injury Prevention Network (KIPN) is dedicated to community partnerships that will reduce injuries in our community and make Kamloops the safest city in Canada to live, learn, work and play.

Formed in 2004 and incorporated as a Society in 2008, KIPN's membership includes individuals representing the health care professions, public and post secondary education, non-profit organizations, community volunteers and municipal government.

Kamloops is one of 53 designated Safe Communities across Canada and, with the endorsement of the City of Kamloops, was the first recognized Safe Community in British Columbia.



Why is Injury Prevention so Important?

Injuries are not accidents, they are both preventable and predictable.

- Injury is the leading cause of death for Canadians between the ages of 1 and 44, and the 4th leading cause of death for Canadians of all ages.
- Injuries kill more children and young adults than all diseases combined. In BC, over 200 children and youth die each year from unintentional injuries.
- Falls, motor vehicle crashes, and poisoning are the most frequent causes of injury.
- The cost of injuries to individuals, families and communities can be very high. Annually, over \$2.1 billion is spent in BC on the direct and indirect costs of injuries.

(Reference: BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit statistics)



Awards Received by KIPN

- Safe Communities Designation, August 2004
- Safe Communities Canada Award of Excellence, 2006
- CN Award Recipient, 2005 - 2008



Safe Communities Canada

Safe Communities Canada is a national charitable organization dedicated to helping communities nationwide create a sense of awareness, understanding, support and leadership to implement local programs designed to reduce the pain and cost of injury and promote a culture of safety for all their citizens.

