

A Healthy City is a safe city



1. Background

Injuries and violence are a major public health problem. Many sectors are involved in the prevention of injuries and violence in various settings such as road traffic, home, recreational and occupational environments. The prevention of injuries and violence requires an intersectoral approach with effective leadership at all levels and smart partnership with nongovernmental organizations.

Enactment of legislation and its effective enforcement (such as laws for seat belts, helmets, drinking and driving, speeding, etc) and careful planning of land use and transport with due consideration for vulnerable road users are the key to promoting road safety. Appropriate built in safety measures are crucial to planning of safety in other settings. The prevention of violence requires a multiple approaches such as organized patrol and enforcement, appropriate lighting, and restriction of alcohol sale.

2. Good Practice Award

Criteria for selection:

Healthy Cities that demonstrate the implementation of a programme with following characteristics for prevention of injuries (any setting) and/or violence will be considered for an award for "Promotion of Safety":

- Ongoing system for collection of data on injuries and/or violence
- Intersectoral partnership and programmes for prevention of injuries and/or violence
- Sustainability of programmes
- Demonstration of effectiveness of interventions in either process, outcome or impact indicators



Eligible applicants:

All members and associate members of the Alliance for Healthy Cities

Materials to be submitted:

Applicants should submit a report of the programme (including photographs). The report should contain the following sections: background, description of activities, roles and responsibilities of different sectors, monitoring and evaluation. Submission should be from the chief executive officer or designated official of the registered member/associate member on their official letterhead. The maximum length of the report should be seven pages, including photos, etc.

Deadline for submission:

16 August 2010

Award:

A plaque of recognition will be awarded

3. Contact information

Applications to award and any queries should be sent to:

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