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## **National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Working Group**

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# **Meeting Brief**

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June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Ottawa

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### **Background**

The inaugural meeting of this group, as a formalized Working Group, took place in (February 2000). Previous to the inaugural meeting, held in February, discussions and deliberations had taken place through national focus group consultations. The newly formed *National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Working Group* met for its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Given the newness of the national working group, June's agenda was balanced to ensure the finalization of Terms of Reference and conducting work to 'build a strong national case.' First Nations and Inuit have identified the need to place INJURY on Canada's health agenda as a major health priority, in line with mental health, diabetes and HIV. Although there is growing momentum in injury prevention within Canada, it remains largely uncoordinated and unsupported. As a beginning, this group has come together to provide a 'national voice' for direction, specifically dedicated to:

- 1) the development and promotion of a national framework for injury prevention and control, which is culturally relevant to First Nations and Inuit populations; and
- 2) ongoing work on injury prevention.

The group receives Secretariat support from the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada. National and regional (injury prevention related) information updates will form a standard agenda item for all meetings. Significant highlights issues and or upcoming events will be reported in **Meeting Briefs**.

## NEWS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

The first national 'Canadian Conference on Injury Prevention and Control' will be held in Kananaskis Alberta on October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. For further conference information please contact the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, at (780) 492-6019.

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control will be hosted by Canada, and held in Montreal QuJbec, in May of 2002.

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## AVAILABLE INFORMATION

i) Terms of Reference (dated June 2000)

ii) Communication Backgrounder (dated October 2000). This document shares information about the problem of injury among First Nations and Inuit and the need for a culturally relevant framework for injury prevention and control; reflects on milestones achieved to date and the path to action on injuries being developed; and outlines how the national working group was formed and the journey being undertaken.

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## NEXT SCHEDULED WORKING GROUP MEETING

October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000

## June Meeting Outcomes

Reviewed, revised, and adopted final Terms of Reference (TOR). These TOR will be up for review in February 2001.

### National and regional information highlights:

The '*National Secretariat for Injury Prevention and Control*' was established January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000, within Health Canada. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of an overall Canadian framework for injury prevention and control. *Working Group* members, who attended an initial meeting associated with the launch of this initiative, emphasized that the Secretariat needed to reflect First Nations and Inuit perspectives, within its work.

The joint *First Nations and Inuit and First Nations and Inuit Health Programs Branch Mental Health Working Group*, struck in 1998, is developing a mental health framework that provides strategies and solutions to be undertaken. The work has included doing a literature search of all relevant historical events and identifying current programming initiatives and services. Activities will be completed in Fall 2000.

Canada will host the *6th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control*, in Montreal QuJbec in May 2002. The Working Group, has placed a formal request to the Scientific Planning Committee of this event to ensure that an Aboriginal conference stream is incorporated into the conference agenda.

Options to support the collection of *community-based injury data* were reviewed and assessed. As a next step, a proposal to the Change Management Committee of the First Nations and Inuit Health Information System, to incorporate 'injury' as a component of the system will be prepared.

A '*Family Violence Initiative*' consisting of a literature review, undertaken by the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada and the RCMP was outlined. A final document is being prepared for December 2000/January 2001.