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

Meeting Brief

NO: 4

June 21st-22nd, 2001 Ottawa

Background

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.*

We are working to:

- Make the problem of injuries more VISIBLE.
- Promote the problem of injuries as a PRIORITY AMONG LEADERSHIP (First Nations, Inuit and Government).
- SHARE INFORMATION AND ENCOURAGE INPUT on the National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Framework.
- Provide GOOD INFORMATION on injury prevention initiatives and resources.
- SUPPORT TRAIN THE TRAINER approaches in 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

Canadian Public Health Association 92nd, Annual Conference **Creating Conditions for Health**, will be held in Saskatoon SK, October 21st-24th 2001. Monday Oct 22nd a keynote session will be *Knowing Our Communities-The First Step in Working Together*, presented by Dr. Jeffrey Reading, Scientific Director, Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health

The Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research and the Canadian Coalition for Agricultural Safety and Rural Health, will be co-hosting a joint conference **Injury Prevention and Control 2001: Partnerships and Practice**, to be held in Edmonton AB, November 4th-6th, 2001

Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada is currently planning to host its **Nurses Community Wellness Conference** in spring of 2002

The 11th International and 5th National Conference on safe Communities, an initiative of the World Health Organization, **Growing Safe Communities S.E.E.D.S. Safety, Education, Equal Opportunity, Dedication, Sustainability**, will be held in Rainy River District ON, May 6th-9th, 2002. The deadline for abstract submission is **October 31st, 2001**. The conference web site is www.who2002.com

The 6th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control, *Injuries, Suicide and Violence: Building Knowledge, Policies and Practices to Promote a Safer World*, will be held on Montreal QC, May 12-15th, 2002. The deadline for abstract submissions is September 15th,

2001. The conference web site address is www.trauma2002.com

June 2001 Meeting Outcomes

National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Working Group

- Parameters for new 'one-time regional First Nations and Inuit Health Program' funding available for the 2001/2002 fiscal year were outlined. And a plan to champion injury prevention and control through national as well as regional level funding for the upcoming 2001/2002 fiscal year was initiated.
- Recommendations have been forwarded to SafeKids Canada to consider the addition of an Aboriginal member to their Board and to develop culturally appropriate resources for First Nations and Inuit use.

National information highlights:

An environmental scan regarding the problem of injuries has been completed among Inuit regions. The scan focused on gaining information about what communities had to say about: injury priorities; who is most at risk; risk factors; the nature and type of injury programs in existence; and information related to Inuit specific data. The *Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC)* is currently compiling a report on the information collected. More information can be obtained by contacting Onalee Randell at ITC Phone: (613) 238-8181.

Health Canada has recently completed a report called **'Unintentional and Intentional Injury Profile for Aboriginal People in Canada: 1990-1999'**. The report focuses mainly on injury mortality (deaths). For copies of the report, see **NEW INJURY PREVENTION RESOURCES**.

In partnership, the *Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada* and the *RCMP*, have completed a *'Family Violence Initiative'* consisting of a literature review. The document is currently in print. The Aboriginal Nurses Association will be undertaking two more family violence initiatives. Building on the information gained through the literature review, one project will involve developing an action plan and the other will focus on gathering information on the effects of children witnessing violence. Consultations and regional meetings will be held. For copies of the report, see **NEW INJURY PREVENTION RESOURCES**.

Regional information highlights:

Health Canada, Saskatchewan Health and the *Saskatchewan Aboriginal Injury Prevention Program (SAIPP)* recently joined efforts to complete a report called **'Injuries Among Saskatchewan First Nations: An Analysis of 1997/98 Hospital and 1998/99 Physician Data'**. This document is the first of its kind in Canada to use and report on First Nations injury morbidity

data. For copies of the report, see **NEW INJURY PREVENTION RESOURCES**.

The province of BC will be adding extra questions on 'injury' to their regional health survey.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

1) **Updated Terms of Reference** (dated June 2001)

2) **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.

3) **Meeting Briefs**

- No: 1 (June 7th-8th, 2000)
- No: 2 (October 4th-5th, 2000)
- No:3 (February 6th-7th, 2001)

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKING GROUP MEETING

October 11th-12th, 2001 Ottawa

Regional information highlights (continued):

Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research has recently completed its revision of a

facilitator's guide *A Journey: Strengthening Aboriginal Communities Through Injury Prevention*. The guide outlines a step-by-step process to train community-level people in injury prevention. To purchase copies of the guide, see **NEW INJURY PREVENTION RESOURCES**.

NEW INJURY PREVENTION RESOURCES

1. **INJURY DATA REPORT: 'Unintentional and Intentional Injury Profile for Aboriginal People in Canada: 1990-1999**. Copies of the report can be obtained by faxing a request to the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch internal Clearinghouse (613) 954-8107. Copies of the report will be made available online at www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fnihb at a future date.
2. **INJURY DATA REPORT: 'Injuries Among Saskatchewan First Nations: An Analysis of 1997/98 Hospital and 1998/99 Physician Data'** Electronic copies of the report can be requested by contacting Karin Johnson at Health Canada FNIHP Phone: (613) 954-2463.
3. **LITERATURE REVIEW:** to request a copy of the report produced by *Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (ANAC)* and the *RCMP on 'Family Violence'* contact Bernice Downey at ANAC Phone: (613) 724-4718.
4. **PRACTITIONER'S RESOURCE: A Journey: Strengthening Aboriginal Communities Through Injury Prevention (revised facilitator guide)** A resource that walks facilitators through a 3 day injury prevention workshop. The workshop focuses on increasing awareness of injuries and capacity building for Aboriginal practitioners. The facilitator guide is available for \$50.00 and a companion participant notebook is available for \$10.00. Orders can be placed by contacting.

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drowning prevention initiatives making a difference in Manitoba, including information about Personal Floatation Device (PFD) loaner programs; and a Water Safety resource which may be useful to your community.

5. **INJURY ARTICLES:** Information about aboriginal injury problems, prevention activities and resources.

Topics Available

- **community-based injury surveillance**

This article explains what injury surveillance is, how it can help your community, how it works and how a community can get started.

Electronic copies of these injury articles can be requested by contacting Carol Delahunty at Health Canada FNIHP Phone: (613) 946-9870.

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**NEW INJURY PREVENTION
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Topics Available

- *drowning prevention initiatives*

This article looks at what we know about: DROWNINGS as a significant injury problem: