

Highway Traffic Safety Program

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Mission: To significantly reduce injuries and fatalities from car crashes, improve driver behavior, and enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Vision: Participants will be able to understand the importance of using safety restraints; participants will become familiar with traffic laws in D.C.

ASPIRA's Focus for Traffic Safety:

- Seat Belt Use
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- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Hispanics under the age of 44 and the third leading cause of death for all ages surpassed only by heart disease and cancer (NHTSA, 2006).
- Seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45% and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50% (NHTSA, 2006).
- In 2005, there were a total of 361 passenger vehicle occupant fatalities among children under age 4 (NHTSA, 2006).
- Every year, nearly 13,000 people are killed by drunk drivers (MADD, 2006).
- Alcohol use is America's No.1 youth drug problem (MADD 2003).
- An estimated three of every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic crash at some time in their lives. (NHTSA, 2000).

More statistics available by clicking [here](#) [23]

News and Resources

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- Drivers need to be aware about the Point System in their respective State, which can cost them to lose the privilege of holding a license. To learn about the District of Columbia Point System [click here.](#) [25]
- New research suggests that middle school children access alcohol at home instead of at public settings. [More](#) [26]
- Underage drinking research demonstrates why youth are often involved in automobile crashes very frequently. [More](#) [27]
- Learn why minority children are at higher risk of air bag related injuries. [More](#) [28]
- Learn more about child car seats and how to install them correctly. [More](#) [29]
- Visit [Kids Health](#) [30] to become acquainted with the road rules when bike riding.
- Pedestrian injuries continue to be the second leading cause of injury related death among children 5 to 14 years of age. [More](#) [31]
- The National Center for Safe Routes to School offers a variety of [resources on pedestrian and bicycle safety.](#) [32]
- The NHTSA Walk and Bike Safely curriculum is designed specifically for use by teachers and volunteers working with adult immigrants who are beginning English language learners. It consists of a teacher's guide, a student workbook, and two audio segments for student practice. [More](#) [33]

Announcements

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The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) is beginning a Spanish Initiative on traffic safety, particularly bicycle and pedestrian safety. For a calendar of events, [click here](#) [35].

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