

Public Law 99-649  
99th Congress

## An Act

To improve the public health through the prevention of injuries.

Nov. 10, 1986

[S. 2648]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Injury Prevention Act of 1986".

Injury  
Prevention Act  
of 1986.  
42 USC 201 note.

## FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

SEC. 2. (a) The Congress finds and declares that:

42 USC 280b  
note.

(1) Injury is one of the principal public health problems in America, and causes over 140,000 deaths per year.

(2) Injury rates are particularly high for children and the elderly.

(3) Injury causes 50 percent of all deaths for children over the age of one year and two-thirds of all deaths for children over the age of 15 years, and is the leading cause of death for individuals under the age of 44 years. Individuals over the age of 65 years have the highest fatality rates for many injuries.

(4) Injury control has not been given high priority in the United States, and the research being conducted on injury control and the number of personnel involved in injury control activities are not adequate.

(b) The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to promote research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and control of injuries and rehabilitation from injuries;

(2) to promote cooperation between specialists in fields involved in injury research; and

(3) to promote coordination between Federal, State, and local governments and public and private entities in order to achieve a reduction in deaths from injuries.

PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO INJURY  
CONTROL

SEC. 3. Title III of the Public Health Service Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new part:

42 USC 241.

## "PART J—INJURY CONTROL

## "RESEARCH

"SEC. 391. (a) The Secretary, through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, shall—

42 USC 280b.

"(1) conduct, and give assistance to public and nonprofit private entities, scientific institutions, and individuals engaged in the conduct of, research relating to the causes, mechanisms, prevention, diagnosis, treatment of injuries, and rehabilitation from injuries; and

"(2) make grants to public and nonprofit private entities (including academic institutions, hospitals, and laboratories) and individuals for the conduct of such research.

Grants.  
Schools and  
colleges.  
Hospitals.

“(b) The Secretary, through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, shall collect and disseminate, through publications and other appropriate means, information concerning the practical applications of research conducted or assisted under subsection (a).

“CONTROL ACTIVITIES

42 USC 280b-1. “SEC. 392. (a) The Secretary, through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, shall—

State and local governments. “(1) assist States and political subdivisions of States in activities for the prevention of injuries; and

“(2) encourage regional activities between States designed to reduce injury rates.

“(b) The Secretary, through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, may—

Contracts. Health and medical care. “(1) enter into agreements between the Service and public and private community health agencies which provide for cooperative planning of activities to deal with problems relating to injuries and injury control; and

State and local governments. “(2) work in cooperation with Federal, State, and local agencies to promote injury control.

“STUDY

Reports. Children and youth. 42 USC 280b-2. “SEC. 393. By January 1, 1989, the Secretary, through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, shall prepare and transmit to the Congress a report analyzing the incidence and causes of childhood injuries in the United States and containing recommendations for such legislation with respect to injury control as the Secretary considers appropriate.

“AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

42 USC 280b-3. “SEC. 394. (a) To carry out sections 391 and 392, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1988, 1989, and 1990. Of the amounts appropriated under this section for any fiscal year, not more than 20 percent may be used for Federal administrative expenses to carry out such section for such fiscal year.”.

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