

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## *Creating a Safer and Stronger Future*



For 71 years, the South Dakota Safety Council has provided programs and services to help employers and workers, families and communities prevent injury. We are committed to the safety of all South Dakotans — at work, on the road, at home and at play.

Unintentional injuries are a leading cause of death, disability and economic loss in South Dakota. But deaths are just part of the story. In far greater numbers, non-fatal incidents alter lives and limit the potential of those who are injured.

For every injury death it's estimated that there are three severe traumas, ten injuries that require hospitalization and 100 injuries that result in emergency department treatment.

In addition to medical expenses, economic losses include wage and productivity costs, lost time, insurance and legal costs, uninsured costs and property damage.

### AMONG RECENT TRENDS:

- ▶ Thirty-two work-related deaths were recorded in South Dakota in 2018, an increase of two from 2017. Fatal work injuries in the state have ranged from a high of 46 in 1999 to a low of 20 in 2013.
- ▶ South Dakota's 135 traffic fatalities in 2018 is a decrease from 2017. South Dakota's seat belt use rate increased slightly in 2018 to 78.9 percent.

In the pages of this annual report, you'll learn more about the problem of injury in South Dakota, and the programs and services we've provided over the past year to help solve it. You'll see how the leadership of our Board of Directors, our strong bonds with members and other partners, and the commitment of our staff combine to make a difference in the lives of South Dakotans.

### OUR MISSION:

*To improve the quality of life for the people of South Dakota by reducing incidents, injuries and occupational illnesses from preventable causes.*

# INJURY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death in South Dakota from ages one through 39 and the fourth leading cause overall. In 2018\*, 452 South Dakotans died from unintentional injuries. Tens of thousands more required medical care.

Falls were the leading cause of unintentional-injury death in 2018, taking the lives of 149 people, a decrease from 2017.

Motor vehicle crashes were second — 135 people died on South Dakota roads, a decrease from the state's total of 141 fatalities in 2017.

Unintentional poisoning ranked third with 57 deaths, less than the previous year. Nationally, unintentional poisonings remain the leading cause of injury death from ages 25-64. Most of these deaths are the result of opioid overdoses, including prescription painkillers and heroin.

Other leading causes of unintentional-injury death include threats to breathing (asphyxiation, aspiration, etc.), accounting for 21 deaths in 2018; pedestrian (21 deaths); smoke/fire/flame (8 deaths) and drowning (11 deaths).

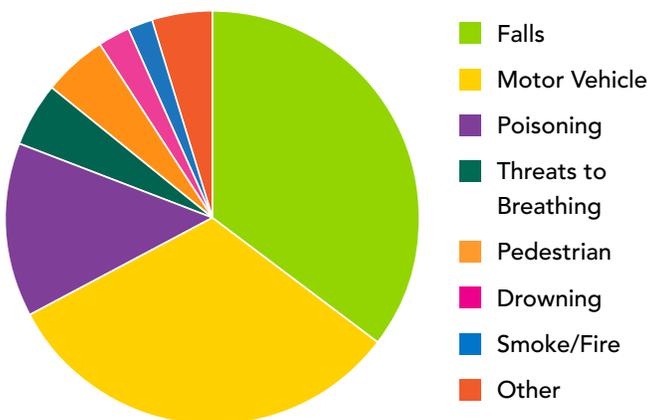
Unintentional injury was the fourth leading cause of death in South Dakota in 2018 and accounted for 5.7 of resident deaths, a 14.9 percent decrease from 2017. A break-out by racial group shows that unintentional injuries were the sixth leading cause of death at 4.9 percent for whites. For the American Indian population, it was the third

leading cause of death at 11.5 percent. Men are more likely to die from unintentional injuries than women, accounting for about 65 percent of unintentional-injury deaths in 2018.

Fatal work injuries totaled 32 in 2018 for South Dakota, an increase of two from the previous year. Work-related deaths in the state have ranged from a high of 46 in 1999 to a low of 20 in 2013.

Transportation incidents resulted in 15 fatalities, and contact with objects and equipment resulted in seven fatalities. These two major categories accounted for approximately 69 percent of all workplace fatalities in the state. Falls, slips, or trips was the third-most frequent fatal work event with five fatalities. Nearly half of the state's work-related fatalities in 2018 were workers 25-54 years old; men accounted for 94 percent of work-related fatalities. The private agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting sector had the largest number of fatalities.

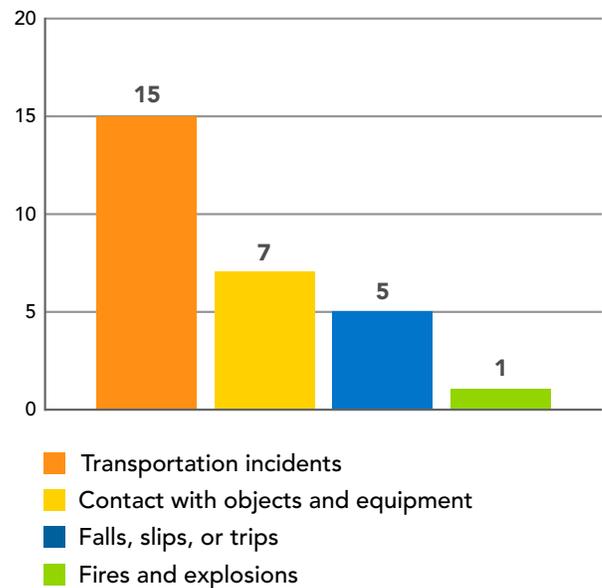
## UNINTENTIONAL INJURY DEATHS South Dakota Residents, 2018



Source: South Dakota Department of Health

\*Most current data.

## FATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BY SELECTED EVENT South Dakota, 2018



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

# HELPING MAKE LIFE SAFER



## OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING

We are committed to working with organizations to protect their workers and strengthen their workplace safety programs. Our training and consultation services, on-site support and safety management tools help employers prevent injuries, comply with regulations and achieve their goals:

- On-site consulting services such as safety audits provided customized solutions.
- Professional development programs stayed strong with nine Workplace Safety Certificate graduates and eight Advanced Safety Certificate graduates.
- Popular classroom sessions included OSHA compliance training, program development, and train-the-trainer courses. Customized on-site training in first aid/CPR/AED, defensive driving, and occupational safety was delivered to dozens of locations statewide.
- The South Dakota Safety & Health Conference provided a one-stop opportunity for learning, networking and elevating critical safety issues. Over six hundred people attended more than twenty educational sessions and consulted with 55 safety vendors in the exhibit hall. At the Governor's Workplace Safety Awards Luncheon, we recognized 40 South Dakota employers for excellence in safety.

Our sponsoring partners were Sioux Empire Society for Human Resource Management, South Dakota Chiropractors Association, Avera Health, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, and Sanford Health.

- First Aid/CPR/AED training increased — reaching over 3,630 people statewide. We also trained and certified 38 new instructors and distributed 45 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to member worksites across the state.

- We hosted our first annual West River Safety Day in partnership with Black Hills Energy in Rapid City. The event brought together 48 attendees and 11 exhibitors from a variety of health and safety disciplines to focus on workplace safety. Featured sessions included safety best practices, workplace health and regulatory insights, and leadership skills.
- We also provided safety training materials and other safety products through partnerships with National Safety Council, J.J. Keller, ManComm, Kidde, Philips and Aurora Pictures.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic crashes are a significant cause of injury, death and economic loss in South Dakota. We work to make our roads safer through several programs and partnerships:

- Our network of certified instructors brought the National Safety Council's classroom Defensive Driving Course to more than 146 adults in workplace and community training sessions. The training helped drivers refresh their skills and develop safe habits and attitudes.
- In partnership with the Department of Public Safety, the State Patrol, and the judicial system, we reached 142 young drivers, ages 14–25 through the "Alive @ 25" program. Alive @ 25 focuses on driver behaviors, judgment and decision-making, helping to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities.
- Through an ongoing contract with the state of South Dakota, we completed our 43rd year of coordinating the South Dakota Motorcycle Rider Education Program. This past year we offered 340 classes statewide, helping 1,716 motorcyclists enhance their skills and reduce their risk on the road. In total, we have trained 44,770 students over our forty-three years with 57 instructors!

# MEMBERSHIP: Creating a Safer and Stronger Future

The South Dakota Safety Council is committed to making South Dakota a safe place to work, live and drive. Our goal is to make sure everyone goes home to their family and loved ones at the end of the day healthy and whole. We are grateful to our members who support our vision as they are our most valuable asset.

Whether you already have a workplace safety program in place or are just implementing one, we have the experience and resources to help you create a positive culture. Our partnership with the National Safety Council and Aurora Pictures allows us to provide our members with additional resources. From scheduled training courses, to training at your facility, to our annual conference or free webinars from the National Safety Council, we will partner with you to make your safety program top notch.

We offer regional safety groups throughout the state. The expertise and connection to peers is invaluable to share best practices and learning opportunities. We have active regional groups in Sioux Falls, Brookings, Aberdeen, Yankton and



Rapid City. In this coming year we are looking to create a group in the Pierre area. These opportunities to network and grow professionally are such an important way to improve your workplace safety.

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**95% membership retention rate.**

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