

Local Data Sources for Injury Surveillance, Research, and Prevention Activities

Source	Description	Location
EPICenter from the Epidemiology and Injury Control Branch, CA DHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPICenter provides fatal and non-fatal injury data for California or any CA county. Features include: standard county tables, topic-specific tables (pedestrians, firearms, etc.) and a custom tables builder that provides answers to specific fatal injury data questions. 	http://www.applications.dhs.ca.gov/epicdata/default.htm
Medical Examiner or Coroner's Reports (State Medical Examiner's Office)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative information on the circumstances surrounding the cause of the death-unintentional, violence or suicide. Variability in quality of reports. 	
SWITRS Database Department of California Highway Patrol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on traffic fatalities and injuries Seat belts, passive restraints, alcohol use. County-specific information available. 	http://www.chp.ca.gov/switrs/ (motor vehicle collisions) Data to 2006
Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice National Injury Data Technical Assistance Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charts/ tables of injury and cost data by region and state. Adolescent, suicide injury trends by state & CA counties. 	http://www.cipp.org
WISQARS (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System), CDC, NCIPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interactive system that provides customized injury-related mortality/morbidity data. Useful for state/national comparison. 	http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars
Child Death Review Teams The National Center on Child Fatality Review Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine review of selected deaths by multi-agency, multi-disciplinary teams of experts. Identify and investigate risk factors. Child Death Review Reports (CDR's) available for select California counties at the ICAN website. 	http://www.ican-ncfr.org/
Hospital-based Trauma Registries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited to more severe injuries. Broad array of data available from individual trauma centers; drownings, poisonings and burns often excluded. No standardized trauma registry in California. 	
Emergency Department Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of medically treated non-fatal injuries. If ED data is E coded then captures injuries that are self-transported, treated and released. 	CA data will be available soon at the DPH EPIC Center website
EMS/Ambulance Run Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMS data are useful in providing first hand information at the scene of the incident and answer questions like whether seat belts were used, if alcohol was involved etc. Paper run sheets or EMT trip reports. Limited to injured patients transported by ambulance. 	Local data- check with county or local EMS
California Poison Control System (CPCS)	Computerized medical records of all calls received due to poisoning exposures. County data available in bi-annual report.	http://www.calpoison.org

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Firearm Injury Surveillance Program	FISP uses several data sources including death certificates, homicide reports, hospital records, and telephone surveys to provide information on firearm injuries in CA.	http://ww2.cdph.ca.gov/programs/EPIC/Pages/default.aspx
Traumatic Brain Injury Surveillance Program	The TBI surveillance system uses available sources of data on fatal brain injuries (the multiple cause of death files) and nonfatal brain injuries (hospital discharge files) to describe these injuries.	http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/profiles/tbi/ca/default.htm