

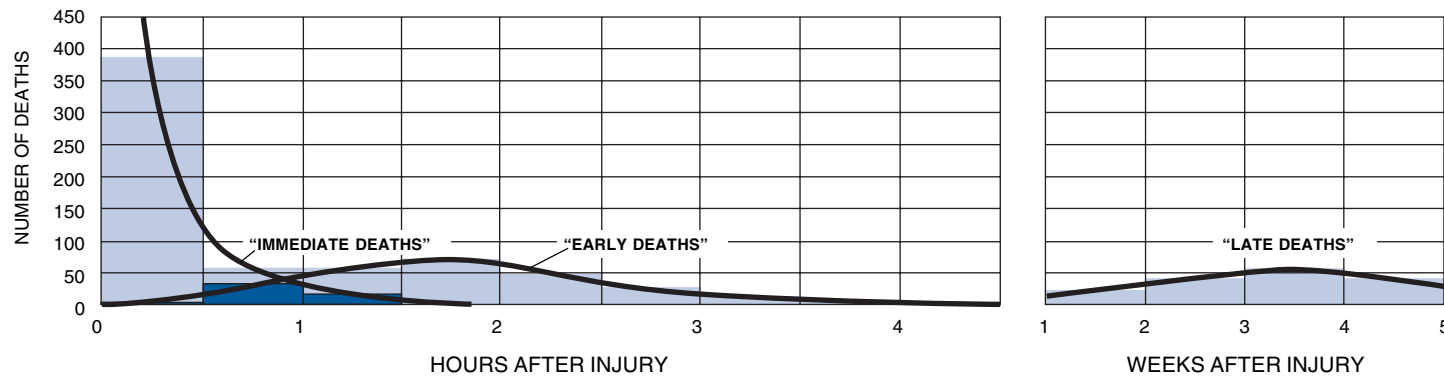
Prevention of Injuries

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INJURY PREVENTION SAVES LIVES

DISTRIBUTION OF TRAUMA DEATHS



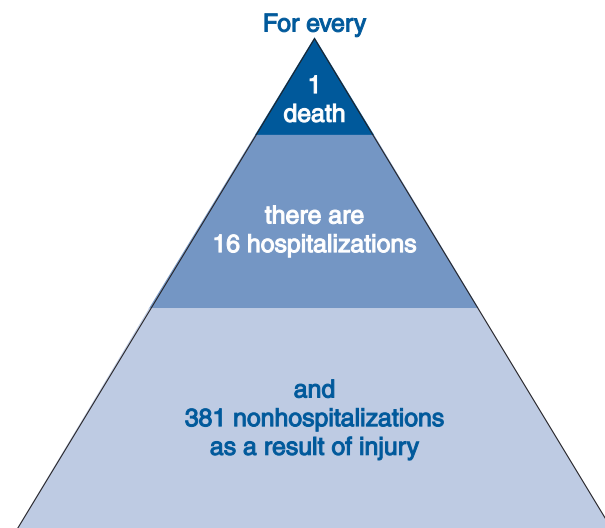
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PREVENTION = ONLY TREATMENT OF IMMEDIATE DEATHS

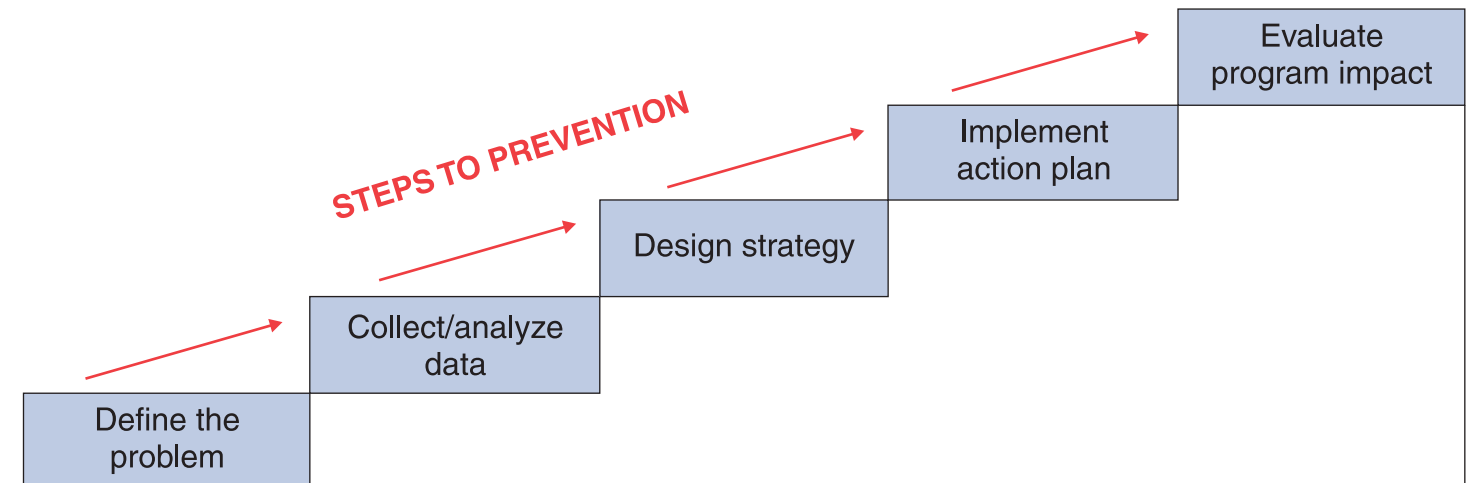
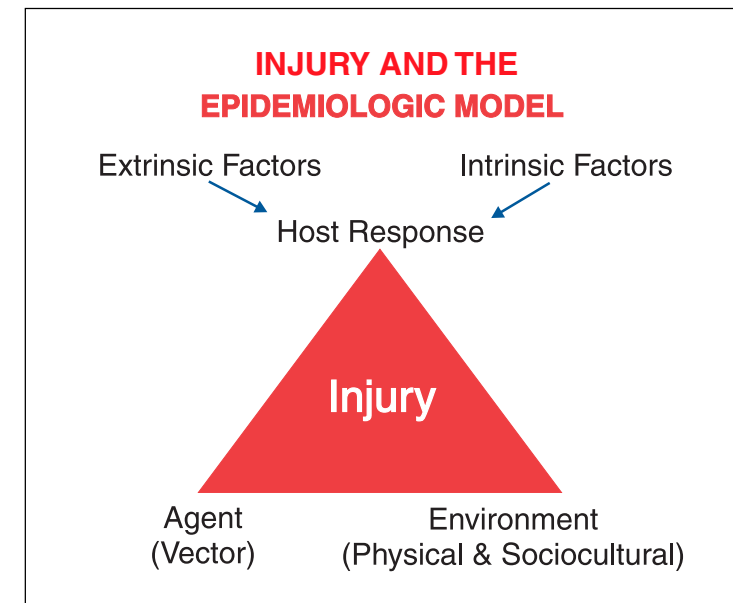
MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM

Annually, injuries involve:

- #1 cause of death in young people
- 1 of 4 Americans
- 145,000 deaths
- 2,590,000 hospital admissions
- 37,000,000 emergency room visits
- \$200,000,000,000



**INJURIES
ARE NOT
ACCIDENTS**



PREVENTION WORKS!

Bicyclist helmets decrease the incidence of head injuries by 85%

For more information on injury prevention, visit the Injury Prevention web page @ www.facs.org