



Richmond County Medical Society

Caring for the community for over 200 Years

October 5, 2022

Dear Staten Island Community Partner,

The 3rd annual *National Injury Prevention Day* is designed to raise awareness about the burden of injury and violence and the need for change. It is dedicated to educating and empowering communities to make a difference in work toward reducing injuries and deaths.

Unintentional injuries and violence are the leading causes of death and hospitalization for people ages 1 to 44. Every year they lead to more than 278,345 deaths, 2.8 million hospitalizations, and 18.5 million emergency department visits. The total cost of injury and violence in the United States is approximately \$4.2 trillion per year. It is important to note that these injuries and deaths are often preventable, and that there is a public health and financial return on prevention investment through implementation of research-based policies and programs.

The combined strength of injury and violence prevention organizations across the country coming together on November 18th sends a solid unified message: it's time for change. A founding *National Injury Prevention Day* partner organization has articulated a vision of a nation free from injury and violence that prioritizes that all people, no matter who they are or where they live, are safe where they live, work, travel, and play. All partners are working to that end.

On *National Injury Prevention Day*, in addition to raising awareness to prevent injuries and acts of violence, communities across the country will be empowered with knowledge about safety practices, products, and policies. **Join us and be a part of the change in Staten Island! Wear green that day, do what you can to make a difference in your community, and when the sun goes down, shine a green light to light the way toward change. Green represents life, safety, health, growth, and prosperity, all good things along life's path.**

The following organizations (next page) have committed to join forces to support and promote *National Injury Prevention Day* on November 18th by Shining a Green Light and promoting *National Injury Prevention Day* among their memberships, constituencies, and communities.

We are looking forward to your support on November 18, 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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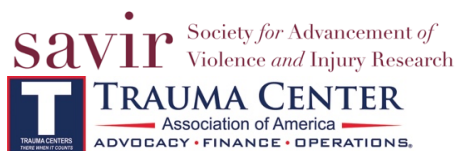


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