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**THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR  
FOR INJURY PREVENTION**

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Office of Injury Prevention at the Florida Department of Health (DOH) was recently honored by the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) with the prestigious “Prevention Program Achievement Award.” The Office received the award for its progressive leadership in the national injury prevention community and its innovative approaches to injury and violence prevention.

The “Prevention Program Achievement Award” recognizes achievements by a state or local injury and violence prevention program to maintain or grow their program’s infrastructure. Since its inception in 2003, the Florida Office of Injury Prevention has had many successes, including:

- Spearheading the passage of a bill establishing the injury program in state statute
- Developing a model state strategic plan
- Being recognized as the first state injury program to complete the implementation of a five-year strategic plan and successor plan
- Establishing the annual Drowning Prevention Awareness Campaign: “Keep Your Eyes on the Kids” in those counties with the highest early childhood drowning deaths
- Initiating a falls prevention partnership with the Department of Elder Affairs and hosting the initial Falls Prevention for Seniors seminar
- Initiating and implementing the Department of Health’s initial public/private collaboration

Formed in 1992, STIPDA is the only national non-profit organization comprised of public health injury professionals representing all states and territories throughout the United States. The State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of professionals committed to strengthening the ability of state, territorial and local health departments to reduce death and disability associated with injury and violence. For more information about STIPDA, call (770) 690-9000 or visit the STIPDA website at [www.stipda.org](http://www.stipda.org).

DOH promotes, protects and improves the health of all people in Florida. The Office of Injury Prevention provides leadership to public and private partners dedicated to reducing Florida's injury burden. For more information, visit [www.doh.state.fl.us/injury](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/injury).

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