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Upcoming Events

- Indiana State Trauma Care Committee Meeting, ISDH Offices
February 7, 10 a.m.
- Indiana Trauma Network Meeting
February 7, 1:30 p.m.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission Meeting
February 14, 10 a.m.
- ICD-10 Training Course
February 27 & 28

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ISDH EMS Medical Director's Conference

The first statewide EMS Medical Director's Conference hosted by the ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention on Friday, January 31 was a huge success. The main goal of the conference was to bring together EMS medical directors from around the state to discuss important emergency medicine topics and more than 130 attendees representing 81 services attended the day-long conference. If you were unable to attend the conference, but would like to see the conference in its entirety, go to: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/26124.htm>

ICD-10 Trauma-Specific Training Course

The ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention will host an ICD-10 trauma-specific training event for trauma registrars in Indiana. The training will be at ISDH in Rice Auditorium on Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28. This two-day training event will provide ICD-10-CM/PCS-specific training with an emphasis on trauma scenarios. This course will be facilitated by a tenured Trauma Data Manager and taught by American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) approved ICD-10-CM/PCS trainers. This program will offer 12 CEUs and registration is \$300 per person. Books can also be purchased for an additional \$110 per person. To register, visit: <http://www.kjconsulting.us/id12.html>

Trauma Registry Rule: Training Events

The Trauma Registry rule, signed into law by Governor Pence on October 25, requires all EMS transport providers, hospitals with emergency departments and the State's seven rehabilitation hospitals to report trauma cases to the ISDH trauma registry. The rule has been effective since November 24. [The full text of the Trauma Registry rule can be found here.](#) The ISDH Trauma and Injury Prevention Division is planning statewide training events for all those required by the rule to submit data. To find out more about the training events, visit: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/26127.htm>.

Injury Prevention

Burn Awareness Week: February 2-8, 2014

Scald injuries is the main focus for the American Burn Association's Burn Awareness Week 2014. Scald injuries occur when hot liquids or steam causes damage to one or more layers of the skin. Scalds are most likely to occur in the kitchen and the bathroom, and some common sources of scalds include hot tap water, hot food or beverages and steam. Scalds are the second leading cause of all burn injuries, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Additionally, children, older adults and people with disabilities are especially at risk for scalds. Scalds can be prevented through a few easy environmental and behavioral changes. The American Burn Association recommends the following safety tips to decrease your risk for scalds.

-Set home water heater thermostats to below 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Test the water using a candy, meat or water thermometer after letting the water run for three to five minutes and adjust the water temperature accordingly.

-Avoid flushing toilets, running water or using dishwashers and washing machines while someone is showering.

-Install anti-scald or tempering devices to prevent too hot of water from coming out of the tap. Test bathwater temperatures by moving your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot.

-Never carry or hold a child while cooking, drinking a hot liquid or carrying hot foods or liquids to prevent spilling on the child.

-Allow microwaved food to cool prior to eating and open packaging slowly and away from the face.

Injury Prevention Advisory Council Update

The Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) is expanding its membership to include more stakeholders from across the state. IPAC's mission is to work with the ISDH to reduce injury-related morbidity and mortality in Indiana. IPAC's goals include enhancing the skills, knowledge and resources of the state's injury prevention workforce and for these partners to share data, best practices and evidence-based programs to improve statewide coordination of injury prevention efforts.

IPAC will meet four times in 2014 in Rice Auditorium at ISDH:

Thursday, March 20: 1 pm-3pm

Thursday, June 12: 1 pm-3pm

Wednesday, September 10: 10 am-12 pm

Thursday, November 20: 1 pm-3 pm

Interested partners will also receive email updates about news and research in injury prevention throughout the year to stay up to date. More information about IPAC will be available in the coming weeks. If you are interested in becoming a member of IPAC or would like more information about IPAC, please contact Injury Prevention Epidemiologist Jessica Skiba, jskiba@isdh.in.gov, 317-234-6325.

ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention: Calendar of Events

To see a list of trauma and injury prevention events for 2014, visit: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/26125.htm>. The calendar will be updated throughout the year and if you have a trauma and/or injury prevention event, contact Trauma Registry Manager Katie Gatz, kgatz@isdh.in.gov, 317-234-7321 or Jessica Skiba, jskiba@isdh.in.gov, 317-234-6325, to have your event added to the page.

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