



Certifying Center for Safe Communities

**On behalf of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion,
Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine,
Karolinska Institute, Sweden**



Name of the Community: Emory University

Country: United States of America

Number of inhabitants:

- Students (Fall 2011 Enrollment): 13,893
- University Faculty and Staff (as of 9/1/2011): 12,949
- Total Students, Faculty, and Staff (Fall 2011): 26,842

Program started year: 2011

International Safe Communities Network Membership: Designation year: 2012

Info address on www for the Program: www.safetyalliance.emory.edu

Full Application:

http://nsc.org/safety_work/SafeCommunitiesAmerica/Documents/Emory%20Safe%20Communities%20Application_March%202012.pdf

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The program covers the following safety promotion activities:

For the age group

Children 0-14 years:

- Child Passenger Seat Safety Technicians
- Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence Intervention
- Child Care Professional Fire Safety Course

Youth 15-24 years:

- Student Health and Counseling Center
- Emory Cares 4 U Programs
- Emory Helpline
- Student Conduct eCHUG Program
- Student Conduct Formal Alcohol/Drug Assessment and Plan of Action

Adults 25-64 years:

- Faculty Staff Assistance Programs (Assessment, Brief Treatment and Referral Services, Crises Intervention Services, Colleagues at Risk)
- Crisis Communication Plan
- Crisis Intervention Team Program
- Threat Assessment Team

Older Adults 65+ years:

- Evacuation Assistants
- EHSO Fall Protection Training Course
- EHSO Environmental Compliance Program



In the following Environments:

Home:

- Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence Intervention

Traffic:

- Child Passenger Seat Safety Technicians
- Pedestrian Safety and Intersection Initiatives
- All Parking and Transportation Office Programs
- Cab Reimbursement Program
- Bike Emory Programs

Occupational:

- EHSO Research/Biological Safety Program
- EHSO Environmental Compliance Program
- EHSO Safety/Industrial Hygiene Program
- EHSO Training Courses

School:

- All Programs are University/School-Based

Sports:

- Athletics and Recreation Programs
- Sports Medicine Programs

Leisure:

- Athletics and Recreation Programs
- Sports Medicine Programs

Other:

- Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPAR Office)



Violence prevention:

- Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence Intervention
- Safe Space Program
- Men Stopping Violence Initiative
- Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Education and Response Program
- Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention
- Sexual Assault Peer Advocates Program
- Sexual Assault Consortium
- FSAP Colleagues at Risk
- Crisis Communication Plan
- Crisis Intervention Team Program
- Threat Assessment Team

Suicide prevention:

- FSAP Programs (Assessment, Brief Treatment and Referral Services, Crises Intervention Services, Colleagues at Risk)
- All Emory Cares 4 U Programs
- Emory Counseling Center and Psychiatry Services
- Emory Helpline
- Crisis Communication Plan
- Crisis Intervention Team Program
- Threat Assessment Team

Programs for “High risk-groups”:

- Bicyclists (All Bike Emory Programs)
- Children of Faculty, Staff, and Students (Child Passenger Seat Safety Technicians, Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, Child Care Professional Fire Safety Course)
- LGBTQ Community (Safe Space Program, Emory Cares 4 U targeted intervention)
- Women (Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, Men Stopping Violence Initiative, Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Education and Response Program, Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention, Sexual Assault Peer Advocates Program, Sexual Assault Consortium)
- Disabled (Evacuation Assistants, EHSO Fall Protection Training Course, EHSO Environmental Compliance Program)
- Elderly Staff, Faculty, and Students (Evacuation Assistants, EHSO Fall Protection Training Course, EHSO Environmental Compliance Program)
- Employees working in labs (EHSO Research/Biological Safety Program, EHSO Environmental Compliance Program, EHSO Safety/Industrial Hygiene Program, EHSO Training Courses)
- Faculty, Staff, and Students who commute (Child Passenger Seat Safety Technicians, Pedestrian Safety and Intersection Initiatives, All Parking and Transportation Office Programs, Cab Reimbursement Program)
- Intramural, Club, and Varsity Athletes (All Athletics Department Programs)
- Community members with substance abuse issues (FSAP Assessment, Brief Treatment and Referral Services, FSAP Colleagues at Risk, Student Health and Counseling Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Program, Student Conduct eCHUG Program, Student Conduct Formal Alcohol/Drug Assessment and Plan of Action)
- Animal Care Workers (EHSO Programs)
- Pedestrians (Pedestrian Safety and Intersection Initiatives, Safe Ride Program, Night Owl Program)

- Custodial Staff (EHSO Environmental Compliance Program, EHSO Safety/Industrial Hygiene Program, EHSO Training Courses, Human Resources Occupational Injury Management Program)
- 1st Year Undergraduate Students (vulnerable for sexual assault and/or abuse encounters and naiveté about the dangers of high risk alcohol behavior) [please see programs listed under “Women” and “Community members with substance abuse issues”]
- Mental Health - Faculty/Staff population, Graduate student population, Asian/Asian American students, International Students, Male Students, LGBTQ Students (FSAP Programs [Assessment, Brief Treatment and Referral Services, Crises Intervention Services, Colleagues at Risk], All Emory Cares 4 U Programs, Emory Counseling Center and Psychiatry Services, Emory Helpline, Crisis Communication Plan, Crisis Intervention Team Program, Threat Assessment Team)

Surveillance of injuries:

Where:

- Multiple Offices, including: Emory Police Department, Emory Emergency Medical Services, Emory Student Health and Counseling Services, Department of Athletics and Recreation, Environmental Health and Safety Office, Fire Safety, Office of the Dean of Chapel and Religious Life

Numbers per year:

- Varies by department

Population base:

- Emory University Students, Faculty, and Staff (some overlap with Emory Healthcare, depending on the office data collection system)

Started year:

- Varies by department

Publications:

- **Emory Center for Injury Control** (Dr. Debra Houry’s Injury-Related Publications)

Published and accepted research articles in referred journals:

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19. **Houry D**, Kaslow N, Thompson M. (2005). Depressive symptoms in intimate partner violence victims seeking care. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 20: 1467-77.
20. **Houry D**, Schultz R, Rhodes K, Kaslow N. (2005). Intimate partner violence and mental health symptoms. *American Journal of Emergency Medicine*, 24: 444-450.
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Produced information material, pamphlets:

Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response

- Just In Time Training Campus Emergency Guide
- Emory Preparedness Checklist
- Medical Emergency Card
- Fire/Fire Extinguisher Card, Fire Emergency Card
- Evacuation Card
- Hazardous Device Card
- Telephone Bomb Threat Card
- Mental Health Card
- Shelter In Place Card
- Rail Emergency Card
- Severe Weather Card
- Personal Safety Card
- Campus Violence Card
- Medical Care for Hazardous Materials Injuries Card
- Major Spills Card
- Minor Hazardous Materials Card

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Number: 5

Professions: full-time

Permanent: yes

Organization: Emory Center for Injury Control

Specific intersectoral leadership group: Emory Safety Alliance Leadership

General public health/health promotion group: CDC-funded Injury Control Research Center

International commitments:

Study visits: Emory Center for Injury Control is a designated World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) collaborating center

Participation in Safe Community conferences: As a prospective member of the Safe Communities America network, Emory University has committed to attending the 3rd Annual Safe Communities America Networking Conference to be held in Elk Grove Village, IL on August 2012.

Hosting Safe Community Conference:

As part of the Safe Community network we would welcome an opportunity to host a Safe Community Conference.

Hosting Travelling Seminars:

As with the Safe Community Conference we would welcome the opportunity to host a travelling seminar.

Other:

- ECIC participates in the WHO's Global Campaign for Violence Prevention, and most recently sent a representative to the 5th Milestones meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in September 2011. This international meeting operated under the theme "Joining forces, empowering prevention," where almost 300 experts from more than 60 countries discussed progress in WHO's Global Campaign for Violence Prevention.

