

Safe Communities



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Not just Government's Role:

How ICCWA Inc. is working to
improve the safety of West
Australians

Presentation Outline

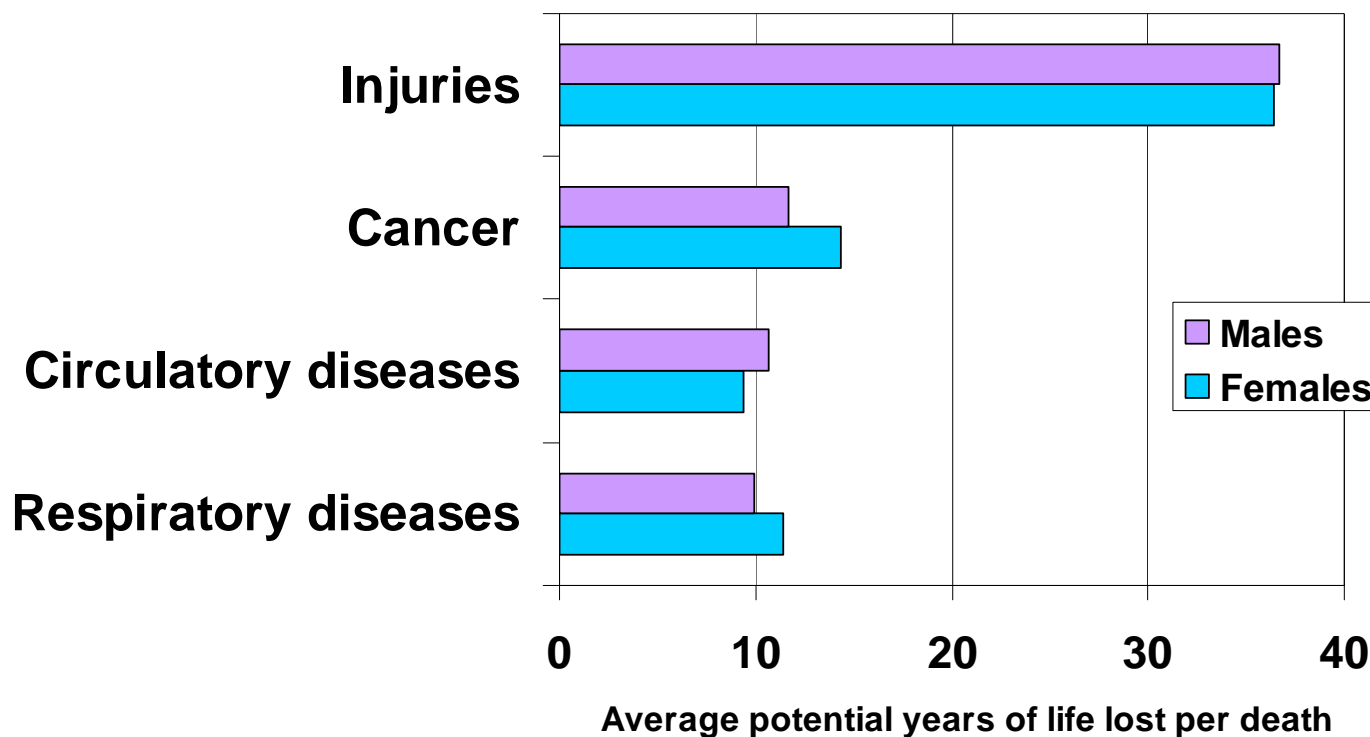
- What is the extent of the safety problem in WA?
- What is the role of an injury peak body?
- What are we doing?
- ICCWA's strengths
- Successes
- What can we do better?

Safety in WA

- Injury ranks fourth as a cause of death
- High risk groups – males, Indigenous people, rural residents, young adults, older people
- Cost of injury – \$2.9 billion p.a.
- Alcohol is a major contributing factor to injury and results in significant economic and social costs

Safety in WA

**Potential years of life lost by condition and sex,
Western Australia, 1995-2000**



Safety in WA



Role of an Injury Peak Body

- An association of representatives formed from organisations with a common interest in injury prevention and control to reduce the incidence of injuries and their effects

Role of an Injury Peak Body

- Awareness raising
- Advocate and lobby for change in government policy and resource allocation
- Encourage collaboration and not competition
- Professional development for the sector

Role of an Injury Peak Body

- Staff
- Projects
- Funding
- Metro/Regional



What are we doing?

- Lobby members of parliament and government departments
- Raise awareness through partnerships
- Media advocacy
- Publicise risk through professional publications
- ICCWA Resource and Referral Centre

What are we doing?

Falls Prevention



What are we doing?

Falls Prevention for CaLD Communities



What are we doing?

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO MINIMISE THE HARM FROM **ALCOHOL**



What are we doing?

Community Safety Initiatives

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ICCWA's Strengths

- Diversity of staff
- Diversity of projects
- Board and Members expertise
- Community driven
- Apolitical!
- Advocacy

Successes

- Labor's Public Health Policy
- Diverse and ongoing funding
- Community Safety Month (2004 & 2005)
- ICCWA Injury Prevention Awards
- Ministerial Council representation

What can we do better?

- Guaranteed core funding
- Improve links with rural WA
- Continue to create links with national injury groups

Further Information

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