



Safety 2022

14TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON INJURY
PREVENTION & SAFETY PROMOTION

Reconnecting, Reinvigorating, Reimagining Injury Prevention

Conference Workshop

THE GREAT DEBATE - CAN WE ACHIEVE UN SDG PRIORITY FOR FALLS PREVENTION?

Wednesday 30 November 2022, 7:00 - 8:30 am
Adelaide Convention Centre

Host

Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC), Melbourne, Australia
WHO Collaborating Centre for Violence and Injury Prevention

Background

Falls and falls-related injury are a global public health challenge. Falls contribute to more deaths, injury, disability than transport injury, poisoning, drowning and burns combinedⁱ. Although falls prevention is relevant to the achievement of several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)ⁱⁱ, there is a lack of clear and quantifiable target for global policy for falls preventionⁱⁱⁱ. A global policy priority for falls prevention on the next agenda of the UN SDGs could unlock the potential for current and future generations and governments to end the toll of falls on our communities on a local and global scale.

Objectives

- To engage participants in critical thinking and discussion about global policy for falls prevention.
- To advance the global policy priority and agenda for falls prevention.
- To recommend a World Safety 2022 conference resolution/international consensus statement.
- To form a global partnership working group to action the conference resolution.

Program

Please join us for a facilitated discussion to consider insights, challenges and opportunities for advancing the global policy agenda for falls prevention, and to share reflections and learnings about what has worked for other injury issues, such as road safety and drowning prevention.

Expert panel speakers from:

Monash University Accident Research Centre
The George Institute for Global Health
World Health Organization

Followed by an interactive audience Q & A

Light breakfast refreshments will be provided.

ⁱ World Health Organization (WHO). Step Safely: Strategies for Preventing and Managing Falls across the Life-Course. Geneva: World Health Organization; (2021).

ⁱⁱ Ma T, Peden AE, Peden M, Hyder AA, Jagnoor J, Duan L, et al. Out of the Silos: Embedding Injury Prevention into the Sustainable Development Goals. *Inj Prev* (2020) 27(2):166–71.

ⁱⁱⁱ Natora AH, Oxley J, Barclay L, Taylor K, Bolam B, Haines TP. Improving Policy for the Prevention of Falls Among Community-Dwelling Older People-A Scoping Review and Quality Assessment of International National and State Level Public Policies. *Int J Public Health*. 2022 Jun 27;67:1604604.