

National Indian Health Board



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National Public Health Week 2011 Kicks Off Today

Events across the Country to Highlight Theme: Safety is No Accident: Live Injury-Free

Washington, D.C., April 4, 2011 – The American Public Health Association kicks off 2011 National Public Health Week (NPHW) today with a dedicated focus on preventing injuries, the leading cause of death for people ages 1-44.

Since 1995, the first full week of April has been designated National Public Health Week (NPHW). Communities across the country have celebrated NPHW to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving and safeguarding the public's health. The American Public Health Association (APHA) serves as the organizer of NPHW and develops a national campaign to educate the public, policy-makers, and practitioners about issues related to each year's theme.

Beginning today and throughout NPHW, April 4-10, APHA and partners will follow daily themes on various actions Americans can take to help raise awareness and prevent injuries and violence in all aspects of their life.

- Monday: At Home – Learn what precautions you can take to make your home a safer place.
- Tuesday: At Work – Conduct safety trainings and wear protective equipment to reduce exposures to hazards at work.
- Wednesday: At Play – Host a sports and recreation-related injury awareness event.
- Thursday: On the Move – Remain alert while on the move and wear a seat belt.
- Friday: In Your Community – Be mindful of your environment and work with local authorities to address public safety issues.

For more about National Public Health Week and to learn about events in your community, visit <http://www.nphw.org>.

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