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New Report Released on Injury in Nevada

Carson City – According to the report, injuries are the leading cause of death among Nevadans aged 1 to 44 years. These data and analysis will allow Nevada to move forward in designing programs to prevent such injuries.

“This report gives us the data we need to make program decisions to prevent injuries in Nevada,” said Dr. Mary Guinan, founding dean of UNLV’s School of Community Health Sciences. “This is a landmark report that was done in collaboration with the State Health Division, UNLV’s School of Community Health Sciences, Southern Nevada Health District, UNLV’s Transportation Research Center, the Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy, and UNLV’s Center for Health Information and Analysis.”

Some of the report’s highlights include:

- During the study period of this report, years 2000-2006, Nevada’s injury mortality rate exceeded the national rate. In 2006, Nevada’s injury mortality rate ranked 15th highest in the nation.
- Nevada’s injury mortality rate exceeds the national rates in several types of unintentional and intentional injury including motor vehicle crashes, unintentional poisoning, unintentional drowning, homicide and suicide.
- Most poisonings in Nevada are classified as unintentional and primarily involve adults who overdose on drugs or alcohol. Nevada has one of the highest rates of unintentional poisoning fatality per capita in the nation. The highest rates of unintentional poisoning death are among men and women who are 40-54 years old.

Professionals from public health, medicine, education, mental health, public safety, and other fields are working together to address the serious problem of injury in Nevada. Overall injury rates have recently declined. With continued efforts, we can anticipate further improvement.

To access the report, please go to <http://health.nv.gov> and click on the Injury in Nevada report, located in the What’s New box.

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