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### **North Dakota Department of Health Hosts Upcoming Injury Prevention Conference** *North Dakotans Interested in Preventing Injuries Are Invited To Attend*

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health’s Division of Injury Prevention and Control is sponsoring the “Preventing and Responding to Injuries” Conference, Oct. 27 and 28, 2010, at the Best Western Seven Seas Hotel in Mandan, N.D. The conference is designed for people who work in law enforcement, mental health, youth services, emergency medical services, traffic safety, domestic and sexual violence advocacy, and public health. The conference is open to anyone interested in reducing and preventing injury to citizens in North Dakota.

The purpose of the conference is to promote awareness, prevention and intervention of unintentional and intentional injuries. Keynote speakers and topics include:

- Sally Fogerty, director of the Children’s Safety Network – Fitting all the pieces from local programs to state policies to use strategies to be more effective
- Alan Berkowitz, author and independent consultant – Bystander intervention to prevent violence, confront substance abuse, and prevent injury
- Lorrie Walker, SafeKids USA – Coordinating community efforts to not burn out media and other important supporters or colleagues
- Bruce Blackman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – Overview of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act
- Dr. Stephen T. Russell, University of Arizona – Suicide prevention among marginalized populations
- Scott Wild, social networking consultant – using social media to get your message out

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Additional topics include:

- Distracted driving and graduated driver's licensing systems
- SIDS safe sleep
- Suicide prevention in the military
- Getting the message to hard-to-reach populations
- Sexting and texting
- Technology and stalking
- Medicolegal death investigation of firearm injury

To learn more about the conference or to register, visit [www.ndhealth.gov/injury/trainings.htm](http://www.ndhealth.gov/injury/trainings.htm) or call Diana Read or Dawn Mayer at 701.328.4536 or 800.472.2286.

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