

## **Focus Area 15: Injury and Violence Prevention**

**Objective 15-11. Increase the number of States and the District of Columbia that collect data on external causes of injury through hospital discharge data systems. Target = 51 (nationally) [State Data Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Patient Discharge Data]**

Every six months, California licensed hospitals are required to submit specific data on every patient discharged from their facility. Reported data include: patient demographic information; diagnostic information, including external cause of injury codes; treatment information; disposition; total charges; and expected source of payment. External cause of injury information from hospital discharge data are available online from 1997 through 2007 (see <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/Products/PatDischargeData/FrequencyTables/ICD9Freq/default.asp>).

Nonfatal injury data are also available from the CDPH Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control (EPIC) Branch's EPICenter Web site. EPIC uses the OSHPD Patient Discharge Data files in their online query system to describe persons hospitalized as a result of an injury (i.e., persons whose discharge diagnosis includes an E-code).

For more information on hospital discharge data for California, visit the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Web site at:

<http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/Products/PatDischargeData/PivotTables/PatDischarges/default.asp>

Also see the CDPH Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control (EPICenter) Web site at: <http://www.applications.dhs.ca.gov/epicdata/help/nonfatal.htm>

For more information on Healthy People 2010 objective 15-11, please visit:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume2/15Injury.htm>

and the DATA2010 Web site at: <http://wonder.cdc.gov/data2010/>