

DATA TO ACTION: VIOLENT DEATHS

UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING HOMICIDES AND SUICIDES IN MARYLAND USING A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

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The Partnership for a Safer Maryland (PSM) is hosting this webinar as part of a series highlighting injury and violence prevention data and programs in Maryland. This webinar focuses on deaths by homicide and suicide in Maryland. The session will feature an injury epidemiologist from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Center for Environmental, Occupational, and Injury Epidemiology and subject matter experts from the Anne Arundel County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Health Department.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Briefly describe and share different types of data from the Maryland Violent Death Reporting System (MVDRS), Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS), and other data sources used by MDH.
- Identify the leading mechanism that results in violent deaths (homicide and suicide).
- Name one or more populations that are at high risk for violent death.
- Name two local prevention strategies that aim to reduce homicide and/or suicide in Maryland.



Our Presenters

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Subject Matter Expert:

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