### A Lifetime of Risk



Preventable injuries are the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S. right after heart disease, cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease.

#### Top Risks by Age Group

UNDER MONTHS

**Mechanical Suffocation** 

AGE TO

Traffic Crashes

25 TO 64

Poisoning

Largely from Prescription

AGE 65 & OLDER

Pain Medication

**Falls** 

Sources: National Safety Council, Injury Facts® 2016 edition, NSC analysis of 2013 NCHS mortality data

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## UNDER MONTHS Mechanical Suffocation

More than 2 preventable deaths occur per day\*

\*On average

- Have infants sleep in a crib, not the parent's bed
- Place infants on their backs to sleep
- Keep stuffed animals and blankets out of cribs



Sources: National Safety Council, Injury Facts® 2016 edition, NSC analysis of 2013 NCHS mortality data

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# AGE TO Traffic Crashes

Nearly 21
preventable
deaths occur
per day\*

- Buckle up every trip, every time in size-appropriate restraints
- Drive with teens to gain more driving experience even after licensure
- Don't use electronic devices – including hands-free – while driving



Sources: National Safety Council, *Injury Facts*® 2016 edition, NSC analysis of 2013 NCHS mortality data

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#### AGE ZD TO O Z **Poisoning Largely from Prescription**

**Pain Medication** 

More than 92 preventable deaths occur per day\*

- Ask your doctor about alternatives to prescription pain medication
- If you have to take opioids, take the smallest dose for the shortest time
- Never share your prescriptions with friends and family



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## AGE 65 & OLDER Falls

More than **69 preventable deaths** occur per day\*

- Use non-skid mats in the bath and shower
- Install grab bars near the tub, toilet and stairs
- Provide adequate lighting in every room and stairway



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