

# PUBH 3024 HARM MINIMISATION AND PREVENTION

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401387

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**Description** Injury and harm have been recognised as contributing factors to the Global and Australian Burden of Disease and Injury and have been identified as a National Health Priority in Australia. To effectively measure the impact of injury and harm, and develop prevention strategies, insight and understanding of the causes, risk factors, Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) and Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALYs) must be taken into consideration. Evidence-based approaches to injury prevention and harm minimisation must be applied and effectively communicated to stakeholders of differing capacities and viewpoints. This subject utilises injury prevention and harm minimisation theory, case-based and project-based learning to challenge future public health leaders to develop effective injury prevention and harm minimisation strategies and also to communicate their message effectively, navigating the complexities of differing worldviews and stakeholder responsibilities.

**School** Health Sciences

**Discipline** Public Health, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** PUBH 3014 - Injury Prevention

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Analyse the nature and extent of significant injury and harm-related issues;
2. Examine national and state injury prevention and harm-reduction policies and strategies;
3. Critically analyse current responses to injury and harm-related issues;
4. Apply preventive strategies, hazard management and counter measures;
5. Demonstrate evidence-based approaches to injury prevention and harm minimisation.

## Subject Content

History and philosophy of safety and injury prevention and harm minimisation

Evidence based models/strategies of injury prevention and harm minimisation

Analysis of the epidemiological profile of public health issues which benefit from harm reduction and prevention

- injury
- drug use

- Gambling
- Domestic violence
- youth alcohol use

The role of community involvement and intersectional action  
The social context of prevention and harm minimisation  
The importance of multi-disciplinary perspectives and involvement for harm minimisation and injury prevention addressing conflicting viewpoints, political and cultural

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Report	1,500 words	25	N	Individual	N
Critical Review	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Proposal	(a). 1,000 words and (b). 10 minutes	40	N	Individual	N

### Prescribed Texts

- Peeka-Asa, C. & Hyder, A.A. (2021). Injury prevention and control: The public health approach. in R. Detels, Q.A. Karim, F. Baum, L. Li, & A.H. Leyland. Oxford textbook of global public health. (7th edition). Oxford University Press.

### Teaching Periods

## Sydney City Campus - Term 2 (2025)

### Sydney City

#### On-site

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## Spring (2025)

### Campbelltown

#### On-site

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