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# Franklin County Safe Communities *Coalition Directory*

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*Working to reduce traffic related injury and death,  
and promote safety for all modes of transportation*



**Franklin County Safe Communities**  
**Columbus Public Health**  
[www.fcsafecommunities.com](http://www.fcsafecommunities.com)



## About the Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition

The Franklin County Safe Communities coalition works to reduce traffic related injury and death in Franklin County. The coalition is made up of law enforcement, medical professionals, trauma programs, transportation engineers and planners, traffic safety professionals, injury research programs and community organizations. Members partner on a variety of projects to provide traffic safety education, improve the built environment, change policy, and improve safety in our community. This directory includes a listing of member agencies and the services they offer. Visit [www.fcsafecommunities.com](http://www.fcsafecommunities.com) for current coalition projects

## A

### ActiveTransportation & Safety Programs - Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

**Population Served:** MORPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Columbus metro area, servicing Franklin, Delaware and small portions of Licking and Fairfield Counties.

**Program Description:** MORPC publishes annual lists of motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian high-crash locations, regional safety reports, a long range transportation plan, and advocates for safety legislation. Very involved in Safe Routes to School.

**Available Resources:** resources available on the website, crash data and analysis, consulting, assistance with roadway safety audits and walking audits, resolution drafting, webinar hosting, etc.

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### African American Church Call to Buckle Up - City of Refuge Point of Impact

**Population Served:** All populations, with emphasis on African American youth between the ages of 14 and 26

**Program Description:** AACCTBU is a partnership of 26 churches in Franklin, Montgomery, Mahoning, Trumble, and Lucas counties that distributes traffic safety information to African American communities.

**Available Resources:** traffic safety materials, speakers, and opportunities to reach African American and faith based communities with traffic safety messages/information.

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### American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)

**Population Served:** Motorcycle and scooter operators

**Program Description:** Promote motorcycle safety and awareness, motorcycle rider education and legislation related to motorcyclist and all-terrain vehicles; bike nights and other events

**Available Resources:** brochures, posters, speakers, funding for programs/projects, & programs, lobbying, event staffing, public service announcements, law enforcement interface, engineering & regulatory input

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## C

### City of Columbus - Mobility Options

**Population Served:** all

**Program Description:** Mobility Options addresses crosswalk studies, mobility plans, Safe Routes to School, traffic calming, bicycle facilities, and sidewalk issues

**Available Resources:** Engineering analysis

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### CODES Program, Center for Injury Research and Policy - The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital

**Population Served:** the research community and general public

**Program Description:** CODES (Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System) is a program of the Center for Injury Research and Policy that seeks to assess the medical and financial impact of motor vehicle crashes by linking data from traffic crash reports with injury data.

**Available Resources:** Statistics and reports are available on the CODES website.

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## F

### Franklin County DUI Taskforce

**Population Served:** Franklin County

**Program Description:** The Task Force conducts 12 sobriety checkpoint and over 2,000 hours of DUI Patrols each year through out Franklin County, attends safety and health fairs, and conducts media events

**Available Resources:** Contact point for all 31 law enforcement agencies in Franklin County

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### Franklin County Safe Communities Columbus Public Health

**Population Served:** general public

**Program Description:** We provide traffic safety resources and programs in the areas of safety belts, impaired driving, teen drivers, motorcycle, and pedestrians; Manage the Franklin County Fatal Review board and the Safe Communities Coalition.

**Available Resources:** Safe driving education materials, yard signs, banners, magnets, window clings, Vince & Larry costumes, fatal vision goggles, teen driving resources

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## G

### Grant Medical Center – Trauma Program

**Population Served:** adults, trauma patients, and the community

**Program Description:** We provide programming to prevent trauma related through safety belt, motorcyclist and impaired driving education

**Available Resources:** safety belt, motorcycle and impaired driving education resources

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## H

### Healthy Places - Columbus Public Health

**Population Served:** City of Columbus residents, pedestrians and cyclists

**Program Description:** Healthy Places promotes healthy and active living by creating places that foster a physically active lifestyle. Healthy Places works with neighborhoods to create walking and safe routes to school maps and trains groups to review development applications for walking and biking features.

**Available Resources:** Brochure on creating neighborhood walking maps, safe routes to school maps and reviewing development proposals for walking and biking features.

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## L

### Lynette Boyd

**Population Served:** adults, youth (ages 8-21)

**Program Description:** Provides resources and support for victims of crime and alcohol involved crashes. Works to prevent underage drinking through MADD

**Available Resources:** pamphlets, MADD and OUAP speakers

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## M

### Mount Carmel West Hospital - Trauma

**Population Served:** We serve adult trauma patients (ages 16 and up).

**Program Description:** level 2 trauma center offering community injury prevention, fall prevention programs

**Available Resources:** Speaker available on Injury and Fall prevention. Literature available from community resources and the Centers for Disease Control. Available for health fairs, other projects that prevent trauma/injury

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## O

### OSU Medical Center –

### Injury Prevention/Trauma/Think First

**Population Served:** middle and high school students, victims of motor vehicle crashes

**Program Description:** We offer the Think First and Voices in Prevention (VIP) programs in which persons injured as a result of bad choices speak. We address seat belts, helmets, distracted driving (cell phones/texting), bicycles, impaired driving and playground/sport safety.

**Available Resources:** Programs in high schools - teen driving presentations in health classes, prom promise; Work with teen court mandated driving programs like CarTeens and Mayor's Courts; participate in bike rodeos, health fairs and community events

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**OSU Transportation & Parking Services**

**Population Served:** adults, students, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, handicapped persons, etc...

**Program Description:** pedestrians, bicyclists

**Available Resources:** presentations, speeches and research

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**R**

**Riverside Methodist Hospital - Trauma Services**

**Population Served:** adults and older adults

**Program Description:** Matter of Balance train the trainer program; CarFit; Central Ohio Safe

Ride (Safe Communities); Remembering When (COTS); Bloom School of Driving; CDC "Parents are the Key" campaign partner

**Available Resources:** literature, injury prevention information

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**(SomaliCAN)**

**Somali Community Access Network**

**Population Served:** SomaliCAN serves the Somali Community and service providers

**Program Description:** SomaliCAN provides programs to enhance health, mental health, and safety in the Somali Community.

**Available Resources:** health literacy, crime prevention & education services, speakers, monthly newsletters, bi-lingual ads, translation, interpretation, school services, and cultural competency services

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**Somali Women and Children's Alliance**

**Population Served:** immigrant & refugees from Africa, diverse populations

**Program Description:** SWCA provides essential services to aid immigrants and refugees with integration into the society hosting them including: after schools programs, ESL, life skills, sewing, case management and advocacy services, and health education.

**Available Resources:** literature, speakers,  
videos, translation & interpretation

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