

50 Years of Injury Prevention: 1968 - 2018



1973: The ATS advocates for the EMS Act, the first federal program to build EMS/trauma systems

1974: Federal Fire Prevention and Control act passes

1976: Smoke alarms required in homes

1978: First mandatory child restraint use law passed

1970 - 1980



1990: ATS successfully lobbies for the passage of the Trauma Systems Development Act

1993: First state makes not wearing a seat belt a primary offense

1994: ATS launches a national trauma registry training program and course

1994: Semiautomatic assault weapons banned

1995: States required to establish a zero-tolerance law for under-21 drivers

2000: ATS establishes the first national certification for trauma registry professionals, the CSTR

1990 - 2000



1968 - 1970

1968: The ATS is founded

1968: Seat belts first become mandatory in cars

1968: Mail order sales of rifles and shotguns banned

1970: Child-resistant packaging required for household poisons



1980 - 1990

1981: First federal car seat crash test standard implemented

1984: First state law mandates seat belt usage

1986: ATS helps establish National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at CDC

1987: First state enacts mandatory bike helmet law

1988: First National Trauma Awareness Month

1990: Crime Control Act creates firearm-free school zones



2000 - 2018

2007: Mandatory seat belt laws found to reduce traffic fatalities by 8% and serious traffic-related injuries by 9%

2008: Pool and spa products required to prevent entrapment drowning

2012: Trauma Prevention Coalition established

2018: 50th Anniversary of the ATS

2018: 21 states and Washington D.C. have statewide bike helmet use laws for some cyclists

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