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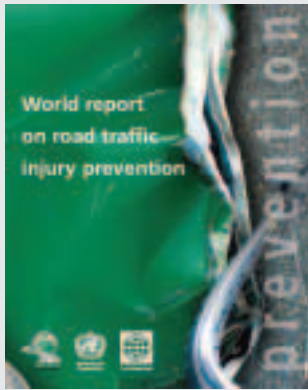
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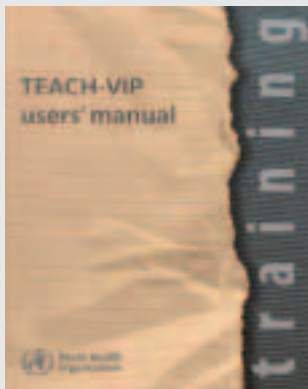
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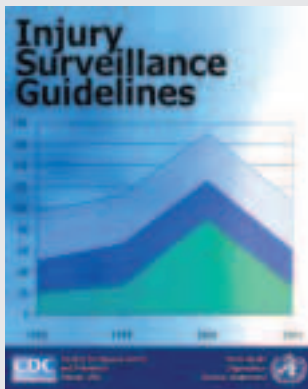
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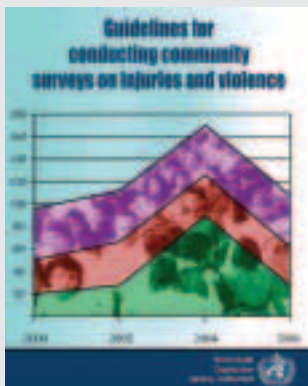
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Foreword

Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death by injury, the eleventh leading cause of all deaths and the ninth leading contributor to the burden of disease worldwide. Each year 1.2 million men, women and children around the world lose their lives as a result of road traffic collisions. Hundreds of thousands more are injured on the world's roads, some of whom become permanently disabled.

Human capacity to respond to this major public health concern is an important component of efforts to prevent road traffic injuries. Policy-makers, researchers and practitioners need information on effective prevention measures and how to develop, implement and evaluate such interventions. There is a need to train more specialists in road traffic injury prevention in order to address the growing problem of road traffic injuries at international and national levels. The *World report on road traffic injury prevention*, launched in 2004, identified the development of capacity as a key recommendation. Consequently, the World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Transport Research and Injury Prevention Programme of the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi, was prompted to develop this manual to provide guidance to professionals working on road traffic injury prevention.

This manual equips the user with necessary information on: the magnitude and impact of the problem of road traffic injuries; key risk factors; the need for a scientific approach to preventing road traffic injuries and how to strengthen the evidence base for prevention; how to implement promising interventions; how to deliver post-crash care; the need for multisectoral collaboration; and how to formulate and implement road safety policies.

We hope that this manual, which is designed for a multidisciplinary audience including medical doctors, nurses, transport and road engineers, vehicle safety professionals, law enforcers, policy-makers, urban planners, and social scientists, will contribute towards strengthening capacity to implement measures to prevent road traffic injuries in different settings around the world. The students of today will be the road safety specialists of tomorrow.

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