

InjuryFreeAmerica – Support system for victims of work-related fatalities.

Safety / Purpose #1

Since January 1, 2000, over 60,000 men, women or children have been victims of work-related fatal injuries. This represents more than 5,000 each year. While employers can do their best to educate employees on matters of safety, accidents still happen, affecting thousands of families. How can we help? InjuryFreeAmerica's founder is dedicated to raising awareness about safety and helping employers and employees interested in an injury-free America. Through training and education, IFA's first objective is to prevent accidents.

Children / Purpose #2

Fatal accidents at work often leave children without one or more parent. These children must learn to cope with their loss, and learn to move forward. It is conceivable for adults to "move on", however painful, but it is not easily acceptable for children and teenagers that lived this traumatic event. Confusion, anger, extreme sadness and acceptance are just a few deep emotions these children live with every day. These young individuals can sometimes become reclusive and depressed.

The second purpose of InjuryFreeAmerica is to reach out to children affected by this terrible loss and provide resources that can help them manage through these difficult times.

Widow / Purpose #3

The third objective of IFA is to bring administrative guidance to the surviving widow and create vital connections; online and in person, in English and in other languages. IFA can provide guidance to support a surviving spouse through the mentally, emotionally and psychologically overwhelming time.

Co-workers / Purpose #4

A final goal is to reach out and provide co-workers, and anyone, an opportunity to assist these families financially (*recognizably or anonymously, for a specific or any registered family*). Contributions are tax deductible.

Funding

WCFA of California, Inc. is the main sponsor of InjuryFreeAmerica. But it is envisioned to be a collaborative effort between employers, families, friends and other organizations that care about these families and making America safer. Funds collected will be used for the families registered with InjuryFreeAmerica. The use of these funds will be regularly uploaded at www.InjuryFreeAmerica.com.

First Recipient

The first recipient of InjuryFreeAmerica's assistance will be the Leyva family in Salinas. Francisco Leyva lost his life on June 16, 2010 during a work accident. His wife, Luz, was working part-time at the time of the accident. Francisco and Luz were together for over 20 years and raised two children--Seydi and Jeff. These two teenagers will be starting school soon. Francisco was planning on buying his kids a computer for school. InjuryFreeAmerica will donate two Laptop Computers so it helps Seydi and Jeff with their education and assist with Francisco's wish.

For more information, get involved or keep in touch, please visit www.InjuryFreeAmerica.com.