



## Fengbin Safe Community



**Name of the Community:** Fengbin Township, Hualien County

Country: Taiwan, Republic of China

Number of inhabitants: 5,135

Programme started year: 2002

Designation year: 2005, 2010

Info address for the Programme:

<http://www.hometown.org.tw/blog/fengbin/communityAction.do?method=doCommunityVie>

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In order to manage a sustainable community safety promotion program, Fengbin community established Fengbin Community Safety and Health Promotion Association (FCSHPA) in 2006.

**The programme covers the following safety promotion**

**For the age group**

**Children 0-14 years:**

- Day Care Center and Health station Safety Promotion and Education

The purpose of this project is to provide parents or grandparents with a better understanding of the safety needs of their children or grandchildren. The project started with using day care centers as the venue for safety education dissemination in 2003. For better dissemination to the parents of infants and toddlers, Health Station was recruited in 2007. From 2006 to 2009, number of injury cases among young children decreased significantly, especially for burns and suffocations.

- Campus safety assessment

Using campus safety checklist to assess all 5 elementary schools' campus safety, and found that playground, classrooms and corridors are top three places where children may get injured. Warning signs and safety slogans were then set at these places and repair and restoration plans followed.

- After school guidance and assistance program

To reduce the chances of children playing unattended and the subsequent injuries from such problem, FCSHPA and the World Vision Taiwan jointly conduct this program. The volunteer workers accompany students after school and help them with their homework and safety lessons including wearing reflective strips when walk in the dark.

**Youth 15 - 24 years:**

- Road safety program in holiday seasons

There is no high school and university in Fengbin Township. Young people have to go to other places for higher education. Illegal and risky motorcycle riding increases significantly during the time when the youths come back for vacations. The road safety volunteer workers of FCSHPA team up with police officers to admonish illegal behaviors at intersections and street corners during the holiday seasons..

**Adults 25 - 64 years:**

- Farming safety

The educational program is to promote safe pesticide usage, safety use of agricultural tools and agricultural vehicle maintenance and to distribute snakebite first aid kits to farmers.

- Farm truck safety

This is a special safety promotion program to inspect agricultural transport vehicle periodically and to assist farmers to attach reflective onto the vehicles. .

**Elderly 65 years + :**

- Home environment safety

While conducting home visits to the elderly for caring their health conditions, the members of home safety promotion team of FCSHPA also assess the safety of home environment, and provide recommendations for improvement.

- Fall prevention for seniors

Since most elderly people fall at home, especially in the bathroom, FCSHPA invited Chinese Anti-slip Association to work together to install handrails, non-slip mats and other safety equipments for the elderly in urgent needs. In addition, balance exercise classes are provided twice a week in every tribe.

- Protection Linking Project

Combining with the Mennonite Social Welfare Foundation, FCSHPA help elderly people living alone to have free installation of protection linking system which provides 24-hour emergency call service and health information support.

**At the following environments:**

**Home:**

- Home environment assessment and improvement
- Bathroom safety inspection and improvement
- Home safety products promotion
- Elderly protection linking project

**Traffic:**

- Road lighting facilities improvement
- Traffic signals installment and improvement
- Farm vehicles safety promotion project
- Cyclist rest stop



The stop is installed in the police station

**School:**

- Schoolchildren swimming and self-help training
- School environment assessment and improvement

**Water:**

- Training volunteers to obtain lifeguard license
- Fengbin seaside safety improvement plan
- Scenic beach setting life-saving equipment and warning signs
- Xiuguluan River rafting safety promotion
- Xiuguluan emergency medical station



The first indoor swimming pool in Fengbin Township

**Suicide prevention:**

- Suicide prevention propaganda
- High-risk family communication and referral
- Domestic violence prevention propaganda
- Sexual violence prevention propaganda

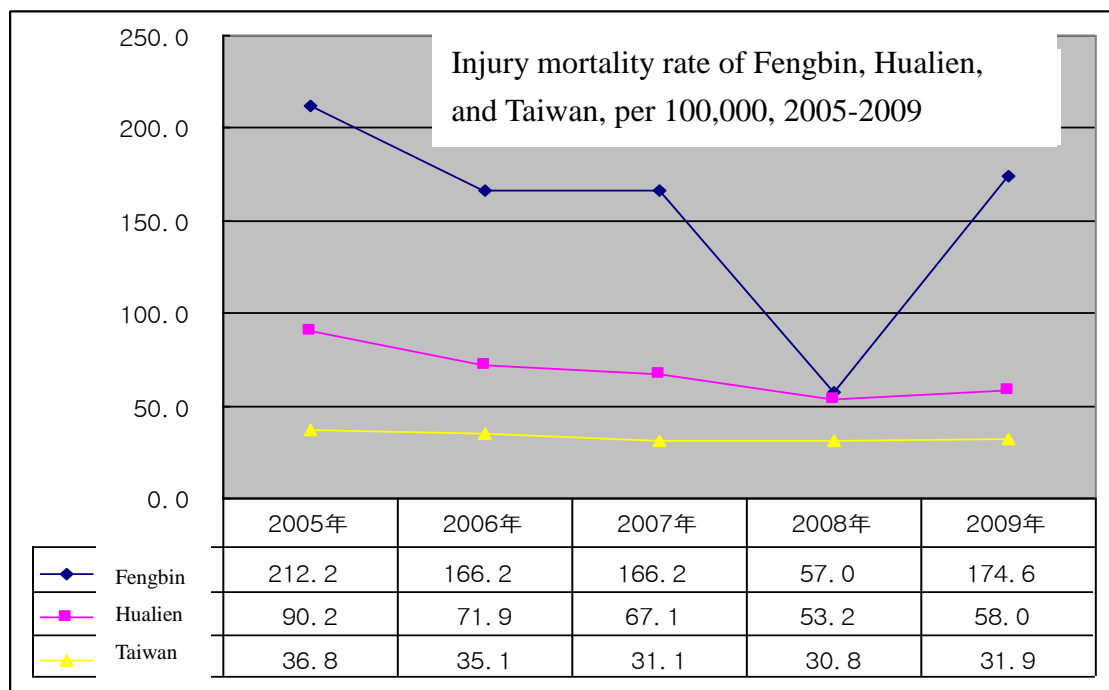
### Surveillance of injuries:

Responsible unit: Fengbin Township Health Station

Population: 5,135

The injury mortality rate per 100,000 populations of Fengbin Township, from 2005 to 2009, was higher than Hualien County and Taiwan, but it gradually declines. Residents of Fengbin Township died of traffic injury were in first place, followed by drowning. So related safety promotion projects have been developed.

The trends of injury mortality rate (per 100,000) among Fengbin Township, Hualien County, and Taiwan, 2005-2009



( Source : Department of Health, the vital statistics )

According to 2009 Fengbin Hospital ER injury data analysis, there were 494 unintentional injury cases in Fengbin, which fall was in first place (31.4%), injury caused by cutting, striking, or caught in between objects in second place (23.5%), and road transport in the third highest (20.9%). In intentional injury category, total 27 cases, 15 cases were injured by human. According to 2006-2009 Fengbin fire department's emergency medical service statistics, traffic injury ranked the first, drowning and suicide occurred every year. In order to prevent intentional injury, a working team was newly established in 2009 to conduct education advocacy on prevention of domestic violence, sexual violence, and suicide.

### Staff

Number : 25 (1 full-time, 24 part-time)

Institution: Fengbin Community



Safety and Health Promotion Association

**Group responsible for cross-sectional group:** Administration Committee of  
Fengbin Community Safety and Health Promotion Association

**Public Health/ Health Promotion Partnership:** Fengbin Township Health Station,  
and DOH Hualien Hospital in Fengbin

**Participation in Safe Community conferences:**

1. 12th International Conference on Safe Communities, Hong Kong, March 2003
2. 1st International Conference on Safe School, Czech Republic, May 2004
3. 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Austria, June 2004

**Hosting Safe Community Conferences:**

Assisting 3rd Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities