



## WFC POSITION STATEMENT

### Chiropractors support strategies for the prevention and rehabilitation of unintentional injuries

**WHEREAS** injuries from unintentional causes are major health concerns, contributing to 8% of all deaths annually, with millions of people suffering non-fatal injuries each year resulting in temporary or permanent disability and the need for long-term physical and mental health care.

**AND WHEREAS** the World Health Organization (WHO) advocates for the prevention of unintentional injuries and wishes to raise awareness of evidence-based strategies that are effective and cost-effective at preventing injuries.

**AND WHEREAS** the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) recognizes that chiropractors are primary contact health care providers who support and promote improved neuromusculoskeletal and general health, and thereby contribute to helping people in the prevention and rehabilitation of injuries from unintentional causes through treatment, advice, health promotion, and public health advocacy.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS THE POSITION THAT** the WFC endorses strategies and efforts of WHO to prevent unintentional injuries; and further recognizes that chiropractors contribute to primary prevention, prevention of reinjury, post-injury care and rehabilitation of unintentional injuries for patients and their communities.

Explanatory notes:

The World Health Organization recognizes unintentional injuries as comprising road traffic injuries, falls, drowning, burns, poisoning, exposure to mechanical forces, natural disasters and other unintentional injuries-

Preventing injuries and violence: an overview (2022)  
<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240047136>

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