



# How to start a Safety Action Plan

## A plan by any other name?

Every state has a comprehensive State Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). SHSP are a major component and requirement of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (23 U.S.C. § 148). It is a statewide-coordinated safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for reducing highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads by identifying key safety needs and then guiding investment decisions towards strategies and countermeasure with the most potential to save lives and prevent injuries.

Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP) may also be referred to as Safety Action Plans. You may have recently seen the term *Safety Action Plan* in the funding announcement for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). Both terms refer to frameworks that prioritize safety improvements and justify investment decisions. Plans may be regional, tribal, or local.

## Looking for sample plans?

It may help to review example that exist from around the country. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has created [Local Road Safety Plan DIY Website](#) has examples from around the country to help you get started. Additionally, FHWA has created a [Local Road Safety Plan Template](#) that you can fill in to with your specific needs and goals.

This [Guidebook](#) has many tips and tools explaining the process of initiating and developing a plan for your community. The Guidebook will walk you through getting support for your plan, lessons learned, creating the plan, success stories, and additional resources.

Looking for even more? Here are some additional items you may find helpful:

- SS4A Action Plan Grant Fact Sheet | [View PDF](#)
- SS4A Resources | [View Webpage](#)
- 2022 SS4A Action Plan Grant Winners | [View Webpage](#)
- Developing Regional/Local Road Safety Plans | [Watch Video](#)
- Developing Safety Plans: A Manual for Local Rural Road Owners | [View PDF](#)