



SAMMY'S LAW:

Speeding is Deadly



Manhattan CB 3
March 2026



FAMILIES FOR SAFE STREETS (FSS)

OUR MISSION

Families for Safe Streets confronts the preventable epidemic of traffic injuries and deaths through advocacy and support.

WHO WE ARE

FSS is comprised of over 700 individuals who have lost loved ones, been injured, or care for someone who was, in traffic violence.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Providing peer support and logistical assistance.

ROAD SAFETY FOR ALL

Pedestrians, cyclists, drivers & passengers.

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SAFE SPEEDS

SAFE STREETS

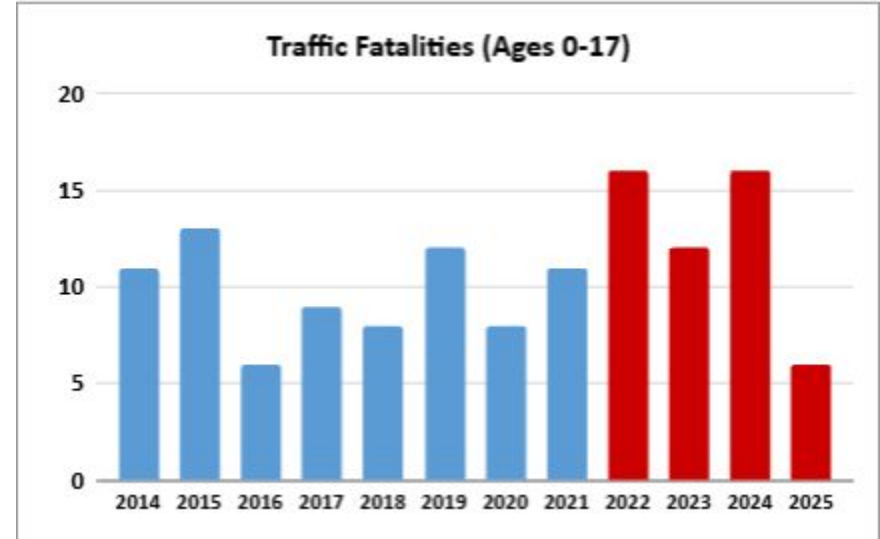
SAFE VEHICLES

SUPPORT VICTIMS

PRIORITIZE MOST VULNERABLE

TRAFFIC VIOLENCE IN NEW YORK

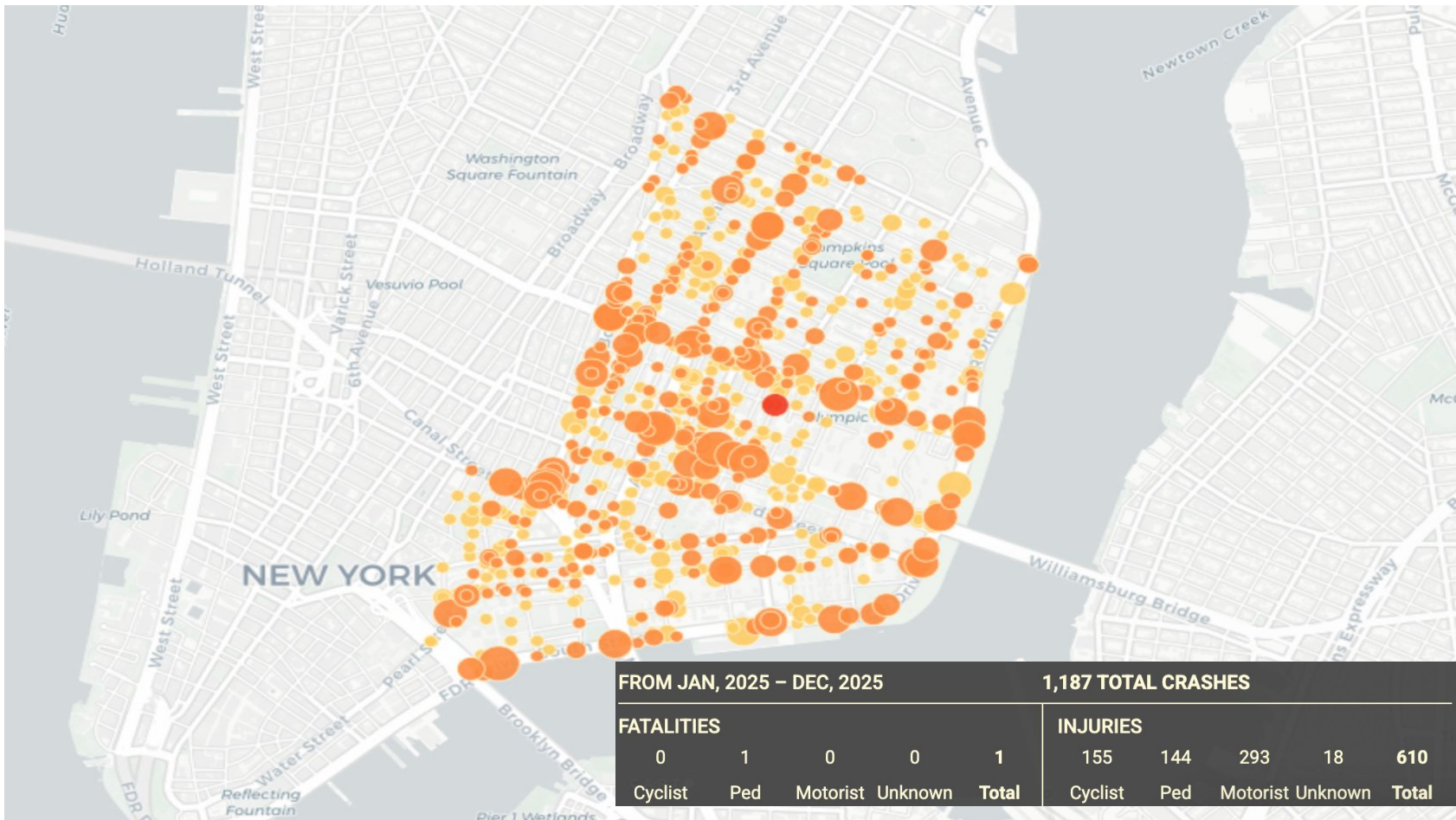
- In 2025 206 people were killed in traffic crashes in New York City.
- That's one person killed every 42 hours.
- 2nd leading cause of injury related hospitalizations & 3rd leading cause of injury related ER visits
- Of the 206 deaths:
 - 112 were pedestrians
 - 73 were motorists
 - 21 were bike riders



TRAFFIC VIOLENCE IN Manhattan CB3 in 2025



- 1,187 total crashes
- 610 injuries (155 cyclists, 144 pedestrians, 293 motorists, 18 unknown)
- 1 death (1 pedestrian)
- NAME TK



FROM JAN, 2025 – DEC, 2025

1,187 TOTAL CRASHES

FATALITIES

| | | | | |
|---------|-----|----------|---------|-------|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cyclist | Ped | Motorist | Unknown | Total |

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SPEED KILLS

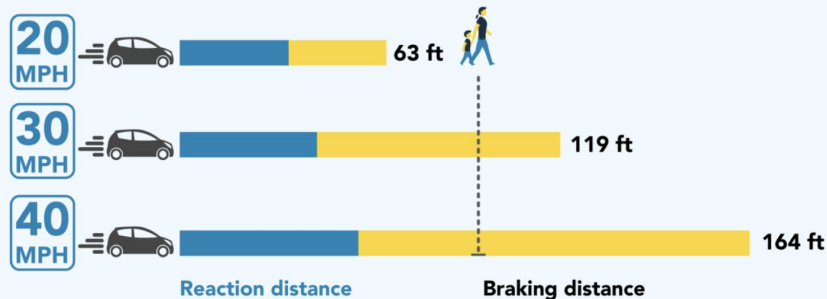


Higher vehicle speeds significantly increase likelihood of death

Higher speeds reduce a driver's field of vision



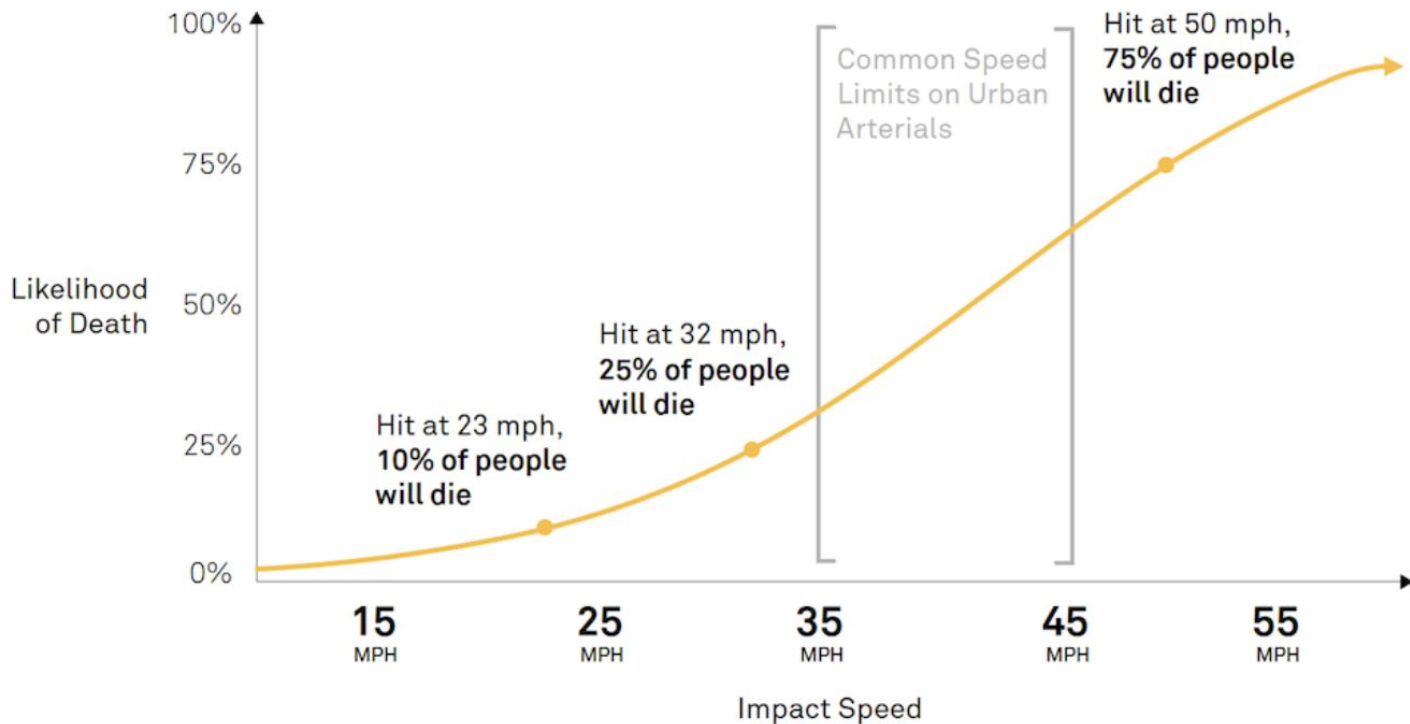
Higher speeds increase a driver's reaction time & braking distance



SPEEDING IS DEADLY



THE LIKELIHOOD OF FATALITY INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY WITH VEHICLE SPEED³²



SAFE SPEEDS: Sammy's Law

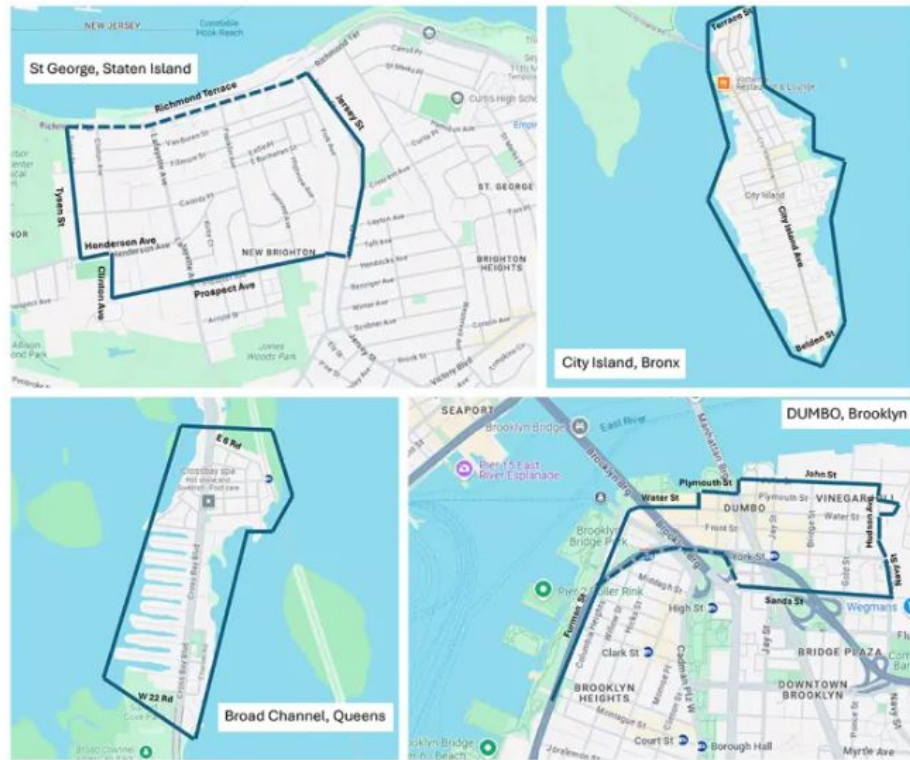
(S2422, Hoylman-Sigal/A7266, Rosenthal)

- **Local control:** Gave New York City the power to set speed limits on residential streets in a way that is tailored to neighborhoods' actual safety needs.
- **New Yorkers agree:** 72% of New York City voters agree that the City should have the authority to set its own speed limits, and 68% of voters said they would support seeing the speed limit lowered from 25 to 20 mph on residential streets near their homes.



SAFE SPEEDS: Sammy's Law

- **Local implementation:** After Sammy's Law passed through State Legislature it went to NYC to implement.
- **Lack of action:** Mayor Eric Adams implemented Sammy's Law on less than 1.5% of all city streets.
- **South of Canal Slow Zone:** But did use his mayoral power to establish one primary slow zone that encompasses all of Manhattan CB 1, the entire area south of Canal Street.
- **Mini Slow Zones:** Small areas of DUMBO, City Island, Broad Channel, and New Brighton (all less than .5 square miles).





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- **Community Board Leadership:** In September 2024 Manhattan CB 3 asked for their slow zone to be expanded north from Canal St to E Houston St. In February 2025 Brooklyn CB 1 passed a resolution asking to be another “Slow Zone” under the authority of the Mayor. In February of 2026 Queens CB 2 passed a similar resolution through their full board. The same month Manhattan CB 2, CB 4, CB 5 and CB 6 as well as Brooklyn CB 6 and Queens CB 6 unanimously passed resolutions through their Transportation Committees asking for a district wide slow zone.
- **Mayor Mamdani:** Mayor Zohran Mamdani expressed his support for broad implementation of Sammy’s Law several times while on the campaign trail.
- **The Ask:** Manhattan Community Board 3 should pass a resolution asking for full implementation of a districtwide slow zone.



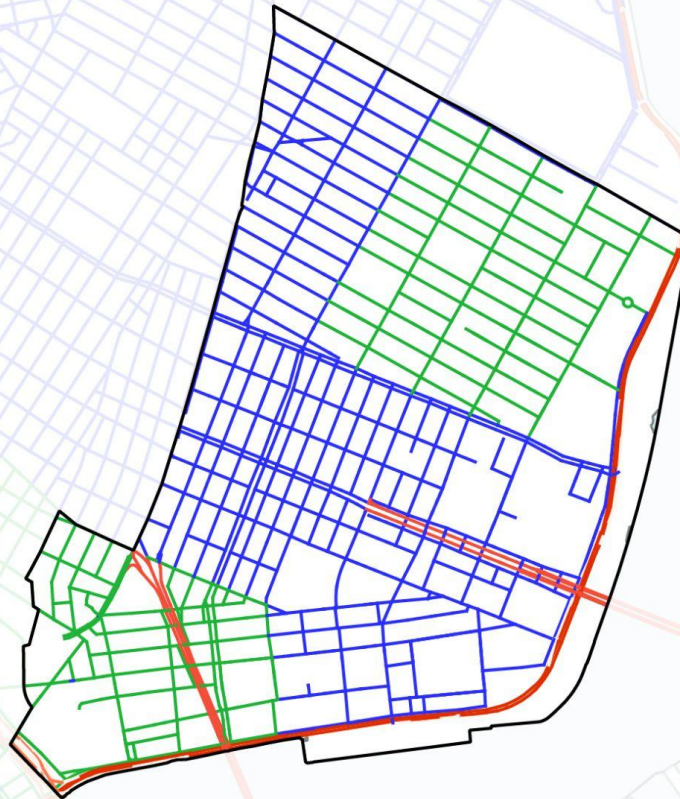
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- **Where Does Sammy's Law Apply:** Sammy's Law allows New York City to lower its speed limits to 20 MPH with posted signage, except on roads with three or more motor vehicle travel lanes outside of Manhattan
- **In Manhattan CB 3:** There is already a slow zone south of Canal St and in the East Village. The board has asked for an additional slow zone between Canal and E Houston St. The only area where a slow zone has not been requested is between 1st Ave and the Bowery between E Houston and 14th St.
- **In Manhattan CB 3:** A slow zone would be applicable on all streets except
 - FDR Drive
 - Williamsburg Bridge
 - Manhattan Bridge
 - Brooklyn Bridge

Manhattan CB3

Posted Speed Limit

- 20mph
- 25mph
- 35mph
- 45mph
- 50mph



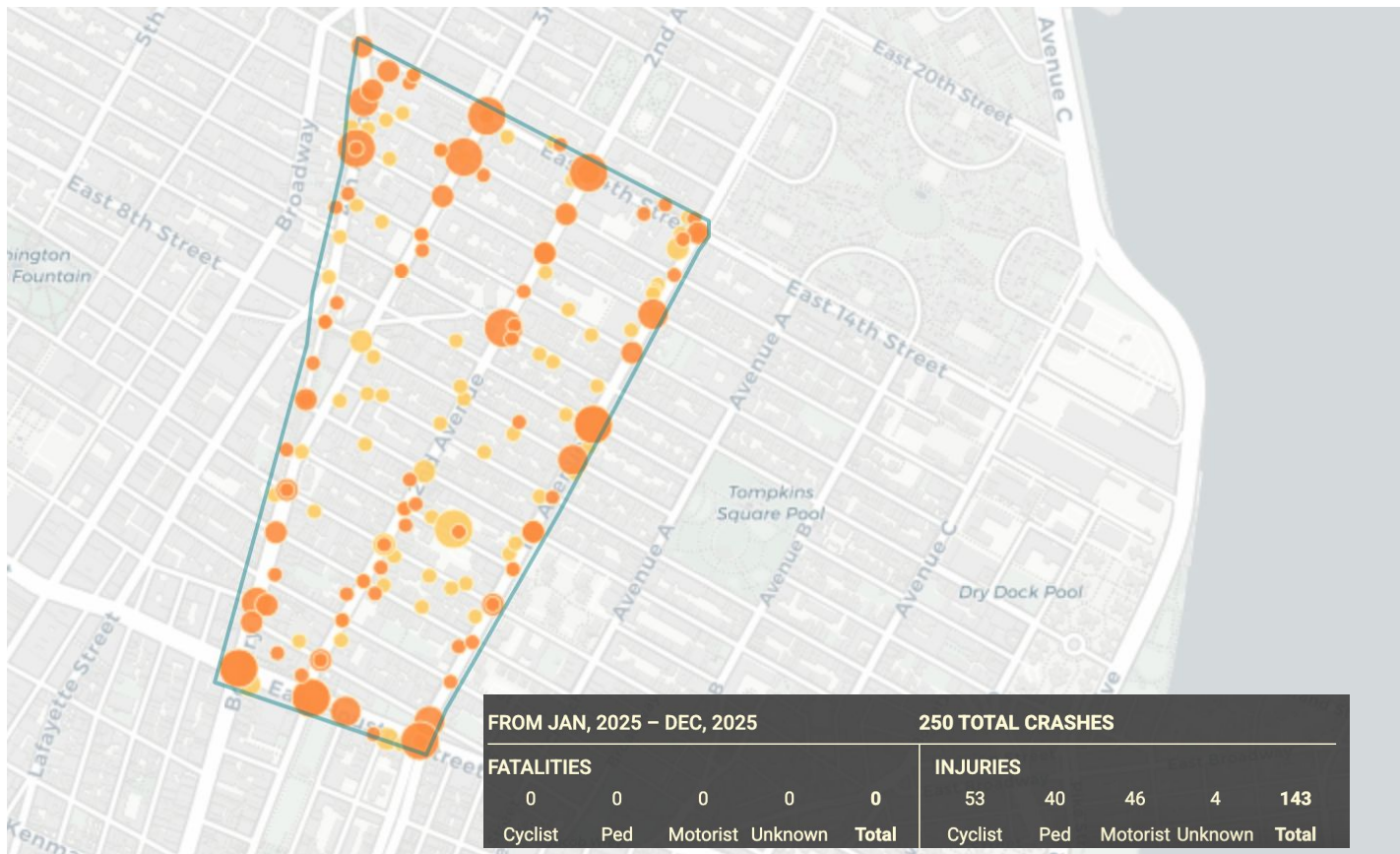
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Solomon Green-Eames

Data from NYC Open Data



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- In 2025 in area where Manhattan CB 3 has not yet asked for a slow zone there were:
 - 250 crashes – 21% of total
 - 143 injuries – 23% of total
 - 53 cyclists
 - 40 pedestrian
 - 46 motorists
 - 4 unknown





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- **Sample Resolution:**
 - “Manhattan Community Board 3 is asking NYC DOT to institute a district wide 20 MPH slow zone on all applicable streets.”



FSS SUPPORT SERVICES



Have you been injured or know/love someone killed in a traffic crash? **YOU ARE NOT ALONE !**

Every three hours someone is killed or seriously injured in a NYC traffic crash

Families for Safe Streets advocates for lifesaving changes and provides a range of support services including:

- Resource Guide
- Support Communities
- Peer Mentoring
- Referral Guidance

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Families for Safe Streets (FSS) confronts the epidemic of traffic violence by advocating for life-saving changes and providing support to those who have been impacted by crashes. Comprised of individuals who have been injured or lost loved ones, FSS was founded in 2014 in New York City and is now growing as a national movement.



¿Ha sido herido o conoce a un ser querido que haya muerto en un choque de tráfico?

¡No estás solo!

Cada tres horas, alguien muere o resulta gravemente herido en un choque de tráfico en la ciudad de Nueva York.

Families for Safe Streets aboga por cambios que salvan vidas y proporciona una variedad de servicios de apoyo que incluyen:

- Guía de recursos
- Comunidades de apoyo
- Compañero mentor
- Guía de referencias

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Q/A