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Welcome to the latest edition of the Child Accident Prevention Practice and Information Exchange Network Information Bulletin.

If you have any news, information or events that you would like to share with the Network, please **contact Karen.**

### STRATEGAETH / STRATEGY

Health Protection Agency: **A Children's Environment and Health Strategy for the UK**

This Children's Environment and Health Strategy has been prepared in order to provide an overview of current activities in the UK, make recommendations on the measures necessary to improve children's and young people's health by improving their environment, and to encourage a coherent cross-government approach to these issues.

Children in Wales: **Working Towards a Child Safety Strategy for Wales**  
The *Working Towards a Child Safety Strategy for Wales* document is currently in the process of being formally presented to the Welsh Assembly Government.

### ADRODDIADAU / REPORTS

Eurosafe: **European Report on Child Safety in Wales**

The Child Safety Report Card for Wales rates Wales' performance in a range of areas, such as passenger safety, fall prevention, burn and scald prevention and so on, as well as an overall score. Wales' overall score ranked it 21st out of the 24.

Eurosafe:

**Injuries in the European Union- Statistics Summary 2003 - 2005**

Making use of current injury data at EU27 level the new report provides a comprehensive statistical view about different sectors of injury prevention such as traffic, work place, and home and leisure. The report clearly shows that injury is one of the biggest health threats facing Europe today.

RoSPA, Electrical Safety Council and Intertek: **Feasibility of establishing a UK-wide injury database**

This study looks at the feasibility of setting up a new UK-wide injury surveillance system which is capable of contributing to the European Injury Data Base (IDB). The objective of the proposed database is to facilitate the prevention of injury (both accidental and intentional) by providing data for research, policy development, the development and evaluation of injury prevention programmes, risk assessment, and product development.

## **YMGYNGHORIADAU / CONSULTATIONS**

Welsh Assembly Government: **Climbing Higher - creating an active Wales**

*Consultation ends: 31/07/09*

The proposed Climbing Higher - creating an active Wales strategic action plan focuses on ensuring that we all build physical activity into our daily routines. It forms part of Our Healthy Future, the Welsh Assembly Government's strategic approach to improve the quality and length of life.

NICE: **Preventing children's unintentional injuries outside the home: consultation on the draft scope**

*Consultation ends: 25/06/09*

NICE is developing public health intervention guidance preventing unintentional injuries outside the home among children and young people aged under 15.

## **NEWYDDION / NEWS**

**BBC News: Child car-seat warning to parents**

Most UK parents are too quick to switch their children to front-facing car seats, a team of doctors has argued. They say mounting evidence suggests it is safer for children to use a rear-facing seat until the age of four and parents should be advised accordingly. (12/06/09)

**South Wales Echo: Council scraps free swimming sessions for children**

A FREE swim scheme for children during term time is being controversially scrapped by a South Wales council. (12/06/09)

**Telegraph: Rise in injuries to children caused by computers**

The increasing popularity of home PCs has led to a rise in accidents involving computers among children, with untidy wires named the most common hazard, a survey has shown. (10/07/09)

**Communities and Local Government: Enhanced hot water safety and efficiency measures for all new homes**

From October 2009 all new build homes in England and Wales will have protective devices, such as a thermostatic mixing valve, fitted to baths to limit hot water temperature. Amendments to Part G (sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency) of the Building Regulations were laid before Parliament in May 2009. (13/05/09)

**RoSPA: RoSPA awarded child home safety funding**

RoSPA has been awarded an £18million contract to establish a home safety equipment scheme to reduce accidental deaths and injuries among under-fives. The main focus of the national scheme is to provide home safety equipment to the most disadvantaged families in areas with the highest accident rates. RoSPA will host Safe At Home from February 2009 - March 2011. (20/02/09)

**The Lancet: Child health must include injury prevention**

Injuries are currently a leading cause of death and disability in the world and account for more than 5 million deaths each year. Globally, injuries are among the ten leading causes of death and disease burden at ages 0-4, 5-14, and 15-29 years. (10/01/09)

**Eurosafe: Magnetic Toys**

On 28 February, 2008, a draft Commission Decision was endorsed by EU Member States represented in the General Product Safety Directive (GPSD) Committee, requiring that magnetic toys placed or made available on the market, display a warning about the health and safety risks they pose. April 2008, the EU and the United States have agreed to work closely to persuade Chinese toys-makers to improve the safety of their Chinese toys. (28/02/08)

### **"Do as I say, not as I do": Family influences on children's safety and risk behaviors.**

*Morrongiello BA, Corbett M, Bellissimo A. Health Psychol 2008; 27(4): 498-503.*

This study compared the impact of parent practices and teaching about safety on children's current behaviours and their intended future behaviours when they reach adulthood. The results highlight family influences on children's adoption of safety and risk practices and support the notion of intergenerational transmission of risk behaviours.

### **Video messaging: What works to persuade mothers to supervise young children more closely in order to reduce injury risk?**

*Morrongiello BA, Zdzieborski D, Sandomierski M, Lasenby-Lessard J. Soc Sci Med 2009; ePub(ePub): ePub.*

This study explored the reactions of a focus group of urban Canadian mothers to different formats and messages in order to identify how best to communicate messages about supervision to mothers.

### **Association between swimming lessons and drowning in childhood: a case-control study.**

*Brenner RA, Taneja GS, Haynie DL, Trumble AC, Qian C, Klinger RM, Klebanoff MA. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med 2009; 163(3): 203-10.*

The objective of this study was to estimate the association between swimming lessons and the risk of drowning among children aged 1 to 19 years.

### **Water safety and swimming lessons for children.**

*Moreno MA, Furtner F, Rivara FP. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med 2009; 163(3): 288.*

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children and adolescents. The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to teach their children to swim by 5 years of age to reduce these risks.

### **Effects of a booster seat education and distribution program in child care centers on child restraint use among children aged 4 to 8 years.**

*Thoreson S, Myers L, Goss C, Diguiseppi C. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med 2009; 163(3): 261-7.*

The objective of this study was to compare child care center-based booster seat education and distribution with no intervention when implemented immediately after booster seat legislation. It was found that the intervention increased parents' receipt of information from centre staff and knowledge about booster seats but not booster seat use.

### **Child safety analysis for forward-facing child restraint system in**

### **frontal impact.**

*Zhao A, Hong SW, Park CK, Kan CD, Park SH, Bae H. Int J Crashworthiness 2009; 14(2): 151-163.*

The objective of this paper is to investigate the design of a forward-facing child restraint system (CRS) and related vehicle components through the study of three-year-old children in frontal impact.

### **Front versus rear seat injury risk for child passengers: Evaluation of newer model year vehicles.**

*Arbogast KB, Kallan MJ, Durbin DR. Traffic Injury Prev 2009; 10(3): 297-301.*

the objective of this study was to evaluate the association between seating row (front vs. rear) and risk of injury to children in newer model year vehicles. This analysis, conducted on a set of vehicles with advanced front seat safety systems including second-generation and newer air bags, strongly confirmed the recommendation that all children 0-12 years should be seated in the rear row(s) of their vehicles.

### **Pilot evaluation of a walking school bus program in a low-income, urban community**

*Mendoza J A, Levinger, Johnston B D. BMC Public Health 2009, 9:122*

This study aimed to evaluate the impact of a walking school bus (WSB) program on student transport in a low-income, urban neighborhood.

### **Are bicycle helmets necessary for children? Pros and cons.**

*Kiss K, Pintér A. Orv Hetil 2009; 150(24): 1129-33.*

The aim of this review was to investigate the effectiveness of bicycle helmets in preventing head injuries in children. The review found that the number of studies proving the necessity of helmets is higher than those objecting to them.

### **The effect of education and home safety equipment on childhood thermal injury prevention: meta-analysis and meta-regression.**

*Kendrick D, Smith S, Sutton AJ, Mulvaney C, Watson M, Coupland C, Mason-Jones A. Inj Prev 2009; 15(3): 197-204.*

This study looked at whether home safety education and safety equipment provision increases thermal injury prevention practices or reduces thermal injury rates and whether the effect of interventions differs by social group.

### **Burns in Mobile Home Fires-Descriptive Study at a Regional Burn Center.**

*Mullins RF, Alarm B, Huq Mian MA, Samples JM, Friedman BC, Shaver JR, Brandigi C, Hassan Z. J Burn Care Res 2009; ePub(ePub): ePub*

The aim of the study was to describe the characteristics of deaths and injuries in mobile home fire admitted in a regional Burn Center and to identify possible risk factors.

## ADNODDAU / RESOURCES

### Injury Prevention News

IPN is the joint electronic newsletter of the Injury Observatory for Britain and Ireland (IOBI) and the Collaboration for Accident Prevention and Injury Control (CAPIC). IPN is a FREE source of information on new initiatives, publications of statistics, research findings, forthcoming conferences and events and will highlight new additions to IOBI and CAPIC websites. IPN is produced three times yearly with editions in January/February, May/June and October/November. Previous issues can also be accessed here.

### Eurosafe Alert

This is a quarterly publication published by EuroSafe and supported by the European Commission

### Eurosafe Comprehensive Injury Information System

This new service is part of the PHASE (Public Health Actions for a Safer Europe) project, led by EuroSafe, and aims to provide relevant, comprehensive and up-to-date injury information in the following areas of injury prevention and safety promotion: home and leisure accidents, product related injuries, sports injuries, traffic accidents, work place accidents and violence related injuries. Ad hoc requests for specific injury statistics can be submitted. The EU Injury Data services is a valuable resource for all those working in the area of injury prevention and safety promotion and would like to use injury data and figures to underpin arguments and proposals but have difficulty accessing appropriate data or interpreting the data provided.

## ALERGEDD LATECS / LATEX ALLERGY

It is estimated that up to 180,000 people in Wales are allergic to Natural Rubber Latex (NRL). These reactions vary in severity and can include a minor irritant reaction, an asthma attack or anaphylactic shock. Allergens enter the body in various ways, including direct contact with a product or inhalation of airborne particles.

NRL allergic reactions can affect everybody, but are more common in certain groups of people, such as those with:

- Asthma
- Eczema
- Spina Bifida
- Hand dermatitis
- Allergy to fruits

NRL is found in many products including surgical gloves, baby teats and balloons. For Children in Wales and the work that it conducts, (in particular public events such as the Eisteddfod), the product that poses the greatest risk to members of the public is balloons.

## **Useful Links**

### **Health and Safety Executive**

This page provides some useful background information about NRL allergy.

### **British Association of Dermatologists Patient Information Gateway on Latex Allergy**

These pages are for anyone who knows they have or who thinks they might have latex allergy, their relatives and friends. Healthcare professionals might also find them useful.

### **Latex Allergy Support Group**

The UK's support organisation for those with NRL allergy.

### **ASBAH**

ASBAH is the leading UK registered charity providing information and advice about spina bifida and hydrocephalus. The website contains useful information on latex allergy.

## **DIGWYDDIADAU / EVENTS**

### **Child Safety Week**

*22-28 June 2009*

Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's flagship community education campaign. It aims to raise awareness of the number of accidents that seriously injure or kill children and how to prevent them. CAPT has put together a Daily Planner resources pack which gives you everything you need for your Child Safety Week activities, including a programme for each day and enough resources to cover all the main accident prevention areas.

### **2nd Injury Prevention Conference for the UK and Ireland**

*24-25 September 2009*

The conference will focus on the prevention of injuries to children and young adults including those from accidents, violence and self harm. It will highlight evidence of good practice and successful implementation of programmes, and will focus on how the knowledge, policy or intervention in the presentation is, or will be useful for injury prevention practitioners and policy makers.

## **Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week**

CO-Awareness support those poisoned by CO, their families, friends and careers. CO-Awareness week 2009 will again take place from the House of Lords on Monday 16th November 2009.

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**Thank you,  
Diolch,**

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