

CAPT News, February 2005

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NEWS FROM CAPT

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Child Safety Week

Don't forget: Child Safety Week 2005 will run from Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June.

Thanks to everyone who has returned their form to allow us to check whether we had your details up to date in time for the major Child Safety Week mailing that is now just weeks away. We have received over 3,000 returns but this still means that many of you have lost your form in your bulging in-trays! Please can we have it back as soon as possible. The four lucky winners of the £25 Marks and Spencers vouchers plus £25 of CAPT publications have been drawn from the forms that came back by mid-February and have been notified of their success.

If you think that we don't have your contact details, please visit the "Join our mailing list" link on our website and complete the on-line form. Remember that to receive the mailing of free resources, you need to be on our database.

Child Safety Week Planning Days are still available. They are designed to encourage practitioners to work together and offer an opportunity to launch plans made during the day. Ideas shared on a planning day can range from simple changes to an individual's professional practice to an inter-organisational long term plan. Contact Helen Richardson, CAPT's training manager, to discuss your planning day needs on 020 7608 7363.

Training midwives on in-car safety

Thanks to a Department for Transport Challenge Fund grant, CAPT is able to offer a limited number of free training sessions specifically for midwives to help them ensure that new born babies leave hospital securely restrained in a properly fitted baby car seat. The training sessions, which will last about two hours and will be a mix of theory and hands-on work, are available to hospitals and community midwives within about an hour's drive of Leeds. This limitation is to keep the travel costs of our trainer, John Horsfall, within our restricted budget. When we have carried out the sessions, we will be drafting a basic training manual so that others are

able to conduct this training. For further information, contact CAPT's projects director Mike Hayes on 020 7608 7364.

Pictorial resources project

These new CAPT resources for people who have low reading skills are close to publication. Funded by the National Sure Start Unit and the Department of Health, copies will be sent to all Sure Start local programmes, children's centres, early excellence centres and neighbourhood nurseries as soon as they are published and will also be available from CAPT. Keep an eye on the CAPT website and the next issue of CAPT News for further information on their availability.

Accident Alert charts now available

Our Accident Alert charts have been in demand since we mentioned in the January's CAPT News that there were now available again. As well as being available with your organisation's logo (for example, your PCT) alongside the CAPT logo, we can now supply them in small quantities unbranded, i.e. just with the CAPT logo. The minimum purchase of the unbranded version is 50 copies at £1 per copy, plus VAT and delivery. Branded copies are only available in lots of 500 or more. For price details for bulk orders (with or without branding) and information on delivery charges, please speak to Publication Sales on 020 7608 7368.

You can access a sample chart (showing a PCT's logo) via the home page of our website <http://www.capt.org.uk/>. (Please note that the pdf file is 2.9 Mb. If you have problems downloading this, we have a few printed samples available; send a C5 sized self-addressed envelope with 21p of postage to Accident Alert Chart, Child Accident Prevention Trust, 22-26 Farringdon Lane, London EC1R 3AJ. Alternatively, we can email the file to you as an attachment.)

OTHER NEWS

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HDA report highlights inequalities in unintentional injuries

The Health Development Agency has published the findings of a study examining the extent and nature of unintentional injuries in children. The alarming fact that children from the poorest families are five times more likely to be killed as a result of unintentional injuries than those from the most affluent is one of the most stark and damning statistics to be highlighted by the report. Children from poorer families are also 16 times more likely to die in a house fire and 5 times more likely to die as a pedestrian.

Research shows that the poorest children are more likely to suffer injuries that require hospital admission and when they are admitted their injuries are likely to be more serious than those experienced by children from affluent families.

The report, "Injuries in children aged 0-14 years and inequalities", looks at the variations in place, social, economic and cultural factors, and how they affect the rate, severity and nature of unintentional injuries that occur. The report highlights many of the inequalities, points out the lack of appropriate interventions and suggests how best these differences might

be evened out, and how threats posed to children might be minimised. It can be downloaded as a pdf file from <http://tinyurl.com/6qx1m>.

HDA Director of Evidence and Guidance, Professor Mike Kelly, said:
"This report provides a benchmark from which to develop interventions that are most likely to be successful not only in reducing further the number of unintentional injuries in children, but also helping to tackle the inequality between different areas of society."

Changes at In-Car Safety Centre

The specialist retailer and fitter of child restraints, In-Car Safety Centre in Milton Keynes, has changed hands. John Lyus, whose wealth of practical knowledge on in-car safety has been a source of information for many years, has retired. He has sold his business to Simon Bellamy who operates a similar business in Belfast. But the experience built up over the years will not be lost as John Lyus' staff are staying on.

England's Children's Commissioner appointed

Professor Al Aynsley-Green has been appointed as the first Children's Commissioner in England, the Education and Skills Secretary Ruth Kelly has announced.

Al Aynsley-Green is currently National Clinical Director for Children and also Nuffield Professor of Child Health at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and at the Institute of Child Health, University College London. He will act as an independent voice for children and young people, to champion their interests and bring their concerns and views to the national arena.

The new Commissioner will have the ability and powers to seek views and identify the needs of children and young people; look into any matter relating to the interests and well-being of children and young people; and initiate inquiries on the behalf of children and young people.

France suspends sale of luminous soothers

On 28 January 2005, the French ministry of economy, finance and industry published a decree in the Official Journal of the French Republic suspending the import and sale of luminous soothers (dummies) that are presented as pendants for adults or toys for children older than 3 years.

These luminous flashing soothers look like paediatric soothers meant for very young children. They could therefore easily end up in the hands of children younger than 3 years old for whom they would present a serious danger. The soothers are made of flashing electro-luminescent diodes and easily release small parts (such as the batteries) that can be ingested or inhaled. In addition these soothers have a cord attached to it which is much longer than those usually allowed by the technical requirements. Furthermore, the ventilation holes on the transparent plastic rings are too small to function properly. There was consequently an urgent need to remove this product from the market in order to avoid any potential accidents.

These products appeared on the UK market about two years ago but were promptly removed following representations from trading standards officers.

Safety checks for toddler groups

Norfolk Pre School Learning Alliance has a Community Fund Grant offering toddler groups in the west and north of Norfolk free safety audits for the group. Alliance staff visit, complete an accident assessment form, and chat informally with group organisers on how they can improve safety in their groups. Most groups are safety conscious but really appreciate a trained pair of eyes assisting them with safety. The advice is free and groups choose whether or not to implement the suggestions made.

Project manager Sadie Ditton reports that groups that have taken advantage of this service have been really pleased with the support they have received. As part of the service, they also give out CAPT home safety leaflets to parents and carers at the group to assist with safety in the home. If you know of a toddler group in the west and north Norfolk area who would benefit from this service please contact Pre-school Learning Alliance 9 & 10 Anderson Yard, Park Lane, Norwich, NR2 3EL, tel. 01603 767525.

Look Out Jo!

Look Out Jo! is a puppet show for early years - keeping safe at home and out and about. It covers the most common causes of childhood accidents and can be adapted for particular topics (e.g. road safety, dental health, fireworks, sun safety). Children in Sure Start, nursery, reception and Key Stage 1 follow the action, remember the safety messages and thoroughly enjoy the show. The show follows Jo through a busy day at home and out and about. Everyone helps to keep Jo safe and shouts out when he might get hurt. At the end, the children meet the puppets, talk about how to keep safe and can make a puppet to take home. Since 2003 Jo has visited over thirty Sure Starts around the North West of England and Yorkshire. Jo has also been busy with playgroups, family centres and primary schools. Jo's diary is now full for Child Safety Week 2005 but he is available all year round. For more information about Look Out Jo! email timpreston@members.v21.co.uk or phone 0161 445 1985.

DIARY DATES
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22 - 23 March 2005. West Yorkshire Community Fire Safety Conference - Making a difference.
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service is holding this conference in Huddersfield for anyone with a role in community fire prevention to look at arson reduction, theatre in education, special needs, child protection and referral system, inter-linked alarms, resources and risk reduction. Contact West Yorkshire Fire Service on 01274 385440.

21 - 22 April 2005, European Conference "Best Practice Risk Assessment in Consumer Safety", Edinburgh.
The Conference will provide an overview of risk assessment procedures applied in settings that have much in common with consumer safety. Presentations will be given on the various risk assessment procedures developed so far for non-food consumer products, and their strengths and weaknesses. Reviewing the requirements of various risk managers, discussion

will focus on achieving a common strategy in the use of one or more preferred methods and a common strategy in the interpretation of the outcome of these procedures.

For more information, contact the Conference secretariat: European Consumer Safety Association (ECOSA), c/o Consumer Safety Institute, PO Box 75169, 1070 AD Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 20 511 4513, fax: +31 20 511 4510, email: secretariat@ecosa.org, or visit <http://www.ecosa.org/csi/ecosa2003.nsf/news>.

9 - 11 May 2005. (US) National Injury Prevention and Control Conference, Denver, Colorado.

The theme of this conference is "Injury and Violence in America: Meeting Challenges, Sharing Solutions. Further details: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/2005conference>.

5 - 8 June 2005, Canadian Multidisciplinary Road Safety Conference, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Further information: <http://www.carsp.ca/cmrrsc.htm>.

13 - 15 June 2005, 14th International Safe Communities Conference, Bergen Norway.

Further information: <http://www.safebergen.com/>.

20 - 26 June 2005, CHILD SAFETY WEEK 2005

Visit <http://www.capt.org.uk/csweek/main.htm>, the Child Safety Week page of the CAPT website for more information.

5 - 7 October 2005, 13th International Conference on Road Safety - Road Safety on Four Continents. Warsaw, Poland

The conference is organized by the National Swedish Road and Transport Research Institute (VTI), with active involvement of GRSP (Global Road Safety Partnership), FERSI (Forum of European Road Safety Research Institutes), TRB (Transportation Research Board), CSIR of South Africa and ECTRI (European Conferences of Transport Research Institute). The host organisation in Poland includes IBDIM (Road and Bridge Research Institute), Motor Transport Institute, University of Gdansk and Krakow. The themes are

- Transfer of road safety knowledge, how do we accelerate its implementation?

- Do first world answers fit third world problems?

- Exchange of evaluated good practices.

Deadline for paper submission. 15 April 2005. For more information:

<http://www.vti.se/RS4C>.

2 - 4 November 2005, 3rd New Zealand Injury Prevention Conference, Wellington, New Zealand

"Living and playing safely in Aotearoa New Zealand" is the theme of this meeting. Visit the conference website, <http://www.ipn.org.nz>, for more information.

6 - 8 November 2005, The 2005 Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference Evidence to Action: Injury, Violence and Suicide Prevention

This event is being co-hosted by Safe Communities Foundation, Safe Kids Canada, SMARTRISK and ThinkFirst Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The overall theme for the 2005 Conference is Evidence to Action: Injury, Violence and Suicide Prevention, with all submissions building on the following broad sub-themes:

- Defining the Problem
- Risk and Protective Factors
- Knowledge Mobilization

- Prevention and Promotion
- Research and Evaluation

For further information and to submit an abstract (closing date 30 April 2005) visit <http://www.injurypreventionconference.ca/>.

14 - 15 November, 2005, RoSPA Home Safety Congress, Solihull.
The theme this year is reducing risks and injuries at home. The closing dates for the submission of abstracts is 29 April, 2005. Further information in the home safety section of <http://www.rospace.co.uk/>.

2 - 5 April 2006. 8th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Durban.
Visit <http://www.safety2006.info/index.aspx> for further information and key dates. (Please note that the dates and venue have changed).

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