

# Child Injury Prevention Newsletter

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### News

- Hair straighteners are the fastest growing cause of burn injuries in children. Please let parents/carers know the risk and encourage them to keep them away from children (CAPT)
- Overlaying and head covering are both big risk factors for SIDS. Please ensure this information is passed onto parents/carers to minimise the risks to babies in Bradford (NSPCC)
- Legislation on car seats has brought child injury rates down according to new figures. The number of children under 12 injured in car seats in Great Britain fell by more than 1000 in the first full year since the introduction of the new car seat law.  
<http://www.easier.com/view/news/motoring/article-206417.html>

### Child Safety Week 22nd—28th June

- Planning for Child Safety Week is currently taking place. The ideas include holding a practitioners training day 'making a song and dance about safety' in the month before Child Safety Week to allow practitioners to develop creative initiatives during the week. A competition for young people and the culmination of hot drinks campaign with a presentation afterwards. If anyone would like to be involved please contact Davina Hartley.

**Staying safe is vital for children and young people. Unless they are safe they will not be able to achieve in other areas, Staying Safe 2007**

### Hot Drinks Burn Campaign

- Toddler groups across the District are being encouraged to sign up to becoming hot drink safety centres by providing a separate area to serve and consume hot drinks away from children. Please contact Davina for the information.



- **Following information supplied from Kidrapt—ROSPA** child safety summary of resources. The following link may be useful as they list both child safety in the home and road safety resources and websites.  
<http://www.rospa.com/childsafety/index.htm>
- Free carbon monoxide leaflets—  
<http://www.dh.gov.uk>
- **Healthy eating and choking hazards need to be taught together.** An article from bbc news highlights a recent choking episode from a piece of apple in a 10 month old girl. Most choking incidents in children are fatal and it is specific types of food which present most risk. CAPT have some good leaflets regarding this issue. <http://search.bbc.co.uk/search?tab=all&q=10+MONTH+OLD+BABY+CHOKING+ON+APPLE+2009>

### Health Education Population Survey 1996-2004—Scotland

- This report presents data on time trends in accidents in Scotland. 1/3 of serious injuries resulted from accidents in the home or garden and this risk was underestimated by respondents with only 1 in 10 believing this to be the place where they are most at risk. In contrast 1/5 of accidents happen on the roads, yet 1/2 believe this to be where they are most at risk. The most worrying area, and the place where most deaths and serious injury now take place is the **home**. Groups facing a much higher level of risk include those of a lower social economic status, children and older people. Home Accident Prevention is still generally under funded.  
<http://www.rospa.com/homesafety/scotland/info/heps2006.pdf>

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