Home and leisure accidents during Covid-19, facts and impressions from Norway

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Norwegian Safety Forum

established in 1985, supported by the Ministry of Health

- A well-established network with 80 membership organizations and collaborating partners
- A hub for knowledge, information and contacts – an advocate for safety promotion and injury prevention.
- We do not do research but knowledge sharing, networking, and bridge building – we develop and initiate projects and advocate for safety
- Dedicated to promote co-operation between business, public sector and NGOs
- The National Center for Safe Communities in Norway.

Norway has coped well so far

COVID-19 FACTS:

- Population: 5.374.807
- Dead in covid-19: 264
- Confirmed infected: 10.323

(as of aug 23.2020)

- Sweden: 10.327.589 / 5.810 / 86.068
- Denmark: 5.780.449 / 622 / 16.317

- Lock down from March 12, gradually back to a «new normal». Schools started a few weeks before the summer break.
- Still many restrictions. People are encouraged to work from home and avoid buses and trains in rush hours. Face masks recommended og public transport

Injury data in Norway

- Knowledge about injuries and accidents is fragmented.
- Many institutions and organizations register data based on their respective assignments and objectives. Home and leisure accidents do not fit in to these registrations.
- Data from the national health register are important and serve as a kind of conclusion / correct answer, based on registrations in hospitals and emergency rooms. But they are not complete.
- In general this register gives us more information about where on the body the injury occurred than about the situation when it happened.
- We lack data that gives us the information we need to prevent the accidents from happening again.

Organizations working with injury data

- Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority
- STAMI – The National Institute of Occupational Health in Norway
- Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (fires, explosions and fireworks)
- Statistics Norway
- Norwegian Maritim Authority (drowning when boats are involved)

- Institute of Public Health and National health service registrations

- **Finance Norway (Insurance data)**
- **Norwegian Sea Rescue Society (drowning)**
- **Norwegian Climbing Federation (climbing)**

The Injurie Picture in Norway.

A public health profile is available for all Norwegian municipalities in Norway

We also find information in other ways

- We have a «Safe Community»-network where about 40 communities keep us updated by sharing knowledge and experiences
- Media coverage
- Contact persons in key organizations and institutions

A special summer Homecation and travelling in Norway

- According to media, organizations and sports shops – there has been a boom for outdoor activities.
- Tents, camping equipment and hammocks has been sold as never before
- Many rescue missions –but few accidents

New trends this summer; more campers and cabin cruises

Electrical scoter – an alternative to public transport – but too many accidents

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Politiet frustrerte: Elektriske sparkesykler blokkerer for utrykningskjøretøy

Feilparkerte elektriske sparkesykler gjør livet vanskeligere for politi og helsevesen.

- Accidents while used and while parked
- Blocking for emergency vehicles
- Problems for the visually impaired
- Alcohol and drugs involved in 41 % of the injuries
- Most accidents at nighttime

Fires in Oslo March to Mai last five years

- Fires
- Accidents
- Other assignments
- Unnecessary calls

Fires in Oslo in buildings and kitchen stoves

- Fire in buildings
- Reported fires started in kitchen stoves

“Oops… that was close…” our spring campaign on Facebook, 15 second films about common accidents

Take home message: Help us to relieve the health care system in the covid-19 crisis. Avoid injuries in the home !

Barn skal aldri bade alene!
Pass godt på dine egne, og følg med på andres.
Vi har ingen å miste!
Skadeforebyggende forum

Når du ferdes i fjellet bør du følge de merkede løypene om du ikke er kjent.
Meld også fra hvor du går før du legger ut på tur!
Skadeforebyggende forum

Har du det nødvendige utstyret på sykkelen din?
· Frontlys
· Refleks på pedalene
· Rød refleks bak på sykkelen
· Ringeklokke
· For- og bakbremser som fungerer
· Hjul med nok luft
· Hjelm som sitter riktig på hodet
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- Thanks for the attention. Stay safe!
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