

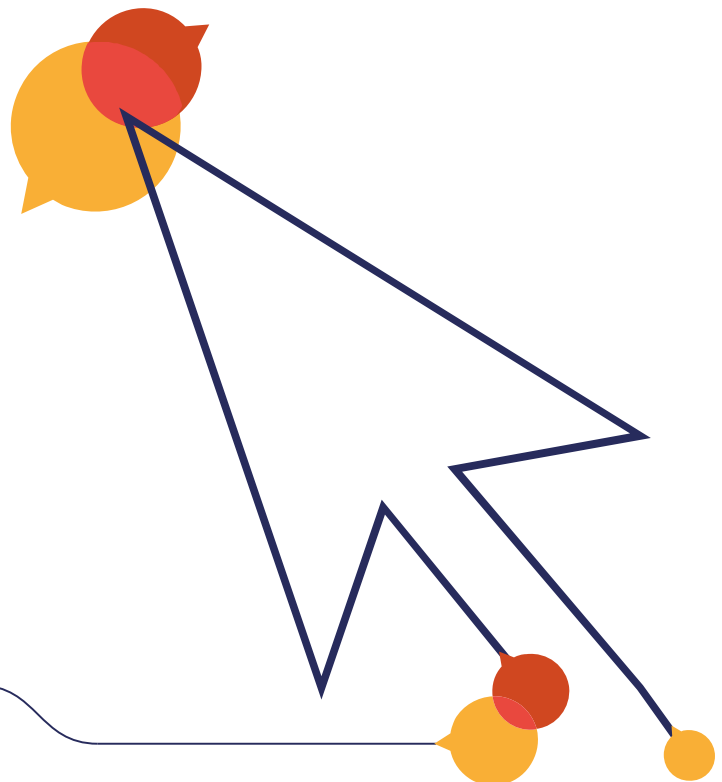


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As we begin to move into the Winter season, here are some Autumn highlights along with useful information and links.

● The Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

The CPG met on Wednesday 14th November. The topic was Road Safety and presentations were given by Emma Harper MSP on quad bikes and safety helmets #HingYerHelmet, Michael McDonnell, Director of Road Safety Scotland, Sandy Allan, Road Safety Manager RoSPA Scotland and Jennie Hargreaves, a Physics teacher at Lockerbie Academy who is incorporating road safety into Science topics in Dumfries and Galloway, a rural region.

The next meeting of the CPG will be held on 23rd January 2019 and will be “A Review of Priorities and Themes”. For further information please email the secretariat on communitysafety@rospa.com

Projects

Local Authority Approaches To Managing Water Safety

RoSPA Scotland recently completed research into local authority approaches to managing water safety. This was a five year follow on study from the original research that took place in 2013.

The main findings of the study are:

- Scotland's local authorities rank water safety as an important or a neutral issue in respect to other demands
- Leadership of water safety is very mixed. Just under half of the respondents note that there is a person or department responsible for water safety
- Approximately 40 per cent of authorities have a water safety policy
- Water safety is afforded some awareness within the local community. However, many of the local authorities had not run a campaign and only half provide information to key groups
- Local authorities cite a lack of resources as their main barrier to water safety



- Just over half of Scotland's local authorities are aware of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy.

To read the summary report or full report and to see our recommendations, please visit: <https://www.rospace.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/water-safety/>



Press release

- **Poisoning Prevention Campaign**

The Scottish Borders Council and RoSPA launched the "Take Action Today" campaign on the 1st November, 2018. This campaign is based on the project which ran in England and is in association with the UK Cleaning Products Industry Association. The campaign will target families with children under the age five in the Scottish Borders area.

More information can be found here: <https://www.rospace.com/media-centre/press-office/press-releases/detail/?id=1601>



National accident prevention strategy launched

On October 11 RoSPA published "[Safe and active at all ages: A national strategy to prevent serious accidental injuries in England](#)".

The strategy seeks to address the rising number of accidental deaths in England and the heavy toll these place on the health and social care services, as well as the personal heartache that serious unintentional injury can cause. It aims to achieve a step-change in the delivery of evidence-based accident prevention programmes across England, promote safe and active lives and reduce the burden of serious accidental injury on society.



The strategy's 25 recommendations for action address the major dangers faced by people across their life course, from birth to older age, and wherever they may find themselves - in their own homes, at work, in education, on the road, or during leisure pursuits.

Upcoming Events



[RoSPA Home Safety Congress - Achieving Step Changes in Accident Prevention](#)

National Space Centre, Leicester

27 February 2019

The theme is 'Achieving Step Changes in Accident Prevention' and the event will take an in-depth look at RoSPA's National Accident Prevention Strategy. There will also be expert speakers from the fields of child safety and the safety of older people. This is your chance to learn about exciting new initiatives, talk to experts and discuss ideas with your peers.

If you are interested in contributing as a speaker or to exhibit a poster please see the webpage for details and send your abstract to publichealth@rospa.com

● **RoSPA's Child Home Safety Awareness sessions 2019**

We propose to run a series of short, two hour, child home safety awareness sessions on evenings during Spring 2019 at a cost of £30 (+VAT) per person.

If you feel this would be a useful resource and you would be interested in attending one of these sessions, please email Carolyn Reid on communitysafety@rospa.com with details of your local authority, actual location and any other information that will help us to put together a programme of events for 2019.

Useful Links

- **LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE** - RoSPA is currently working with [Building Safer Communities](#) on scoping the opportunity for a national prevention strategy for Unintentional Injury and Harm in Scotland. The aim of the exercise is to provide insight into whether a national prevention strategy for



Unintentional Injury and Harm is needed for Scotland. The exercise will also consider gaps across the Scottish policy landscape.

As part of this research, we are interested in your viewpoints on the current situation regarding the prevention of Unintentional Injury and Harm.

If you would be keen to participate in this research, please follow the link below to fill out our online survey. **The survey will close on December 5th.**
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GN2Q6ZP>

Responses will be collated with other responses and will be used anonymously.

If you have any questions concerning this research or its purpose, please email communitysafety@rospa.com

● **EU-Safety 2019, Luxembourg, 3-4 October**

The Call for Abstracts for this event is now out. The conference covers a wide range of topics related to injury prevention and safety promotion, such as road safety, safety at work, home and leisure safety and consumer safety. Further information available at: <https://sites.lih.lu/eu-safety-2019/>

● **The new NHS Health Scotland module on unintentional injuries** is available in the Early Years section of the Health Scotland VLE - A link to the course area is: [Preventing Unintentional Injuries in Early Years](#).

Please note that you can discuss any more detailed requirements you may have regarding all aspects of home safety training with the RoSPA team. Please contact Carlene McAvoy on cmcavoy@rospa.com for further information.

● **SFRS NEWS**

Up until now, SFRS News, the official newsletter of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, has been published internally to 8,000 colleagues. The newsletter offers a unique glimpse into life at one of the world's largest fire and rescue organisations. The circulation has recently been extended to a wider audience of stakeholders. If you would be interested in receiving a fortnightly update on the great work that goes on in SFRS please [click here](#).

● **Fire and Rescue Incident Statistics (Scotland) 2017-18**

The Fire and Rescue Incident Statistics release for 2017-18 is now available on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) [website](#) and covers statistics on fires, casualties, non-fire incidents and false alarms.



● RoSPA Scotland Social Media



Working for a safer and healthier Scotland...



RoSPA Scotland is now on Twitter.

Follow us [@RoSPAScotland](https://twitter.com/RoSPAScotland) to share news and information across our community.



<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/christmas-safety>

With all good wishes for the Festive Season



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