

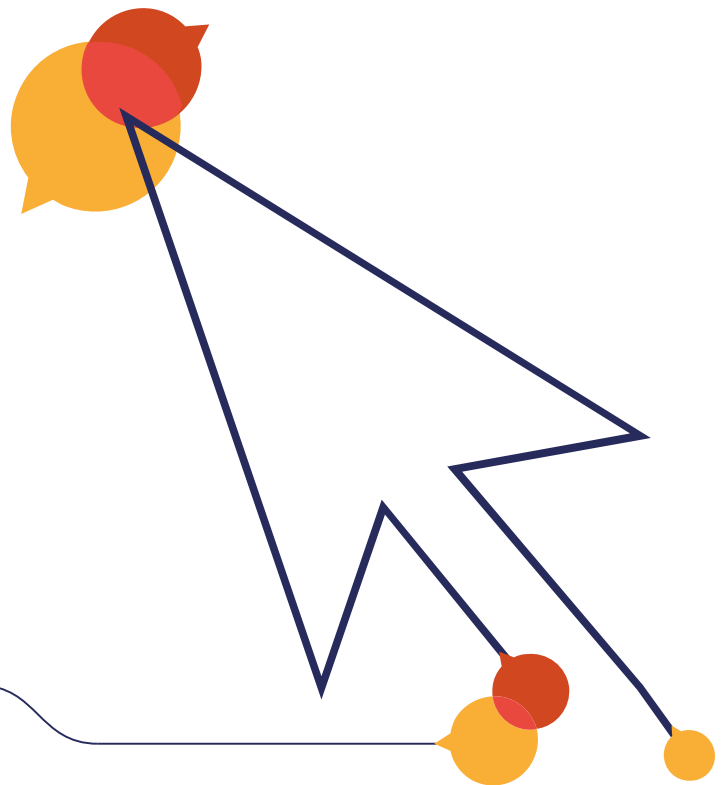


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## Carbon Monoxide

The 'Be Aware' project was recently implemented in areas of north Glasgow. Thanks to funding from The Gas Distribution Networks' Carbon Monoxide Collaboration Fund and The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, this project focussed on increasing awareness of the issue of carbon monoxide poisoning in the local area. RoSPA teamed up with NG homes to run this pilot project in anticipation of winter in order to ensure this life saving advice is available.

Tenants in Possilpark, Springburn, Parkhouse and Balornock received a 'Be Aware' resource, which aimed to raise awareness of the issue of carbon monoxide poisoning and bring them to the RoSPA website for further information. Further information and the link to the report is available at [www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/be-aware-project/](http://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/be-aware-project/)

## Home Safety Activity in Scotland

In partnership with Home Safety Scotland and the Scottish Community Safety Network, RoSPA has completed a piece of research into the prevalence of home accident prevention initiatives in Scotland. The research highlights a very mixed picture of home safety activity with clear barriers and a need for improvement. The report of the findings is available at

[www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/home-safety/uk/home-safety-activity-in-scotland.pdf](http://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/home-safety/uk/home-safety-activity-in-scotland.pdf)

## 'Safe as Houses?' Seminars

We are delighted with the feedback received from delegates who have attended the first two in the series of 'Safe as Houses?' seminars. Both the Child Safety and the Burns and Scalds events were full to capacity and delegates praised all of the speakers involved. Feedback so far has included: ***"This seminar was really focussed and worked well – keep them coming please"*** and ***"A fabulous conference. Very interactive. Similar should take place in the future. Thanks for a great day!"***

The final in the series – Safety of Older People – is now also full. The presentations from all the seminars will be available on the RoSPA website at [www.rospa.com/events/past-events/safe-as-houses/](http://www.rospa.com/events/past-events/safe-as-houses/)

## Falls Prevention: Cost-Effective Commissioning

A recent publication by Public Health England (PHE) shows that falls prevention programmes, based on home assessment and modification schemes for older people, have reduced the number of falls requiring hospital admission over two years by an estimated 29 per cent, produced a financial return on investment of £3.17 for every £1 spent, and a societal (quality of life) return of £7.34 for every £1 spent.

The PHE report also includes a tool that can help to plan services and show a return on investment (ROI). For further information see [www.gov.uk/government/publications/falls-prevention-cost-effective-commissioning](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/falls-prevention-cost-effective-commissioning)



## Coasters

Scalds from hot drinks remain a major cause of injury for young children. RoSPA has designed and printed a limited number of coasters with the message 'Keep your tea away from me' to raise awareness of the dangers. If you would like to receive some free samples of these coasters for distribution please contact the office to arrange pick up. Please also give us a call if you would like to discuss buying larger quantities.



## Scottish Community Safety Network – New Five Year Strategic Plan – Message from the Chief Officer, Lorraine Gillies

We are developing a new five-year strategic plan. Our new direction will be informed by a recently published joint report by The Scottish Community Safety Network, the Building Safer Communities Programme and COSLA, on the future of community safety in Scotland. You can read more on this and download the report at <http://ow.ly/LpT230jgut4>.

It's important to us to continue to involve stakeholders and ensure that our new direction and purpose fits the current environment, policy landscape and meets member's needs. To that end I am inviting you to participate in our stakeholder consultation.

Your Network, Your Views... is the Scottish Community Safety Network's membership and stakeholder consultation. It seeks to gather views from members and any other interested stakeholder on our activities, membership offer,



strategic direction and future plans. Responses to this consultation will directly inform the development of our Strategic Plan 2018-2023.

Your Network, Your Views.... can be completed online at [www.safercommunitiesScotland.org/scsn-stakeholder-consultation/](http://www.safercommunitiesScotland.org/scsn-stakeholder-consultation/). The consultation closes on May 28 at 5pm.

We'd be happy to discuss either of these further with your organisation and associated partnerships and are offering a visit from one of our team in person to discuss the consultation or report, or have a conversation about anything else relating to our work to support the community safety sector in Scotland.

## Childminding Week (May 7-13)

(Information from Jennifer Ross, communications co-ordinator, Scottish Childminding Association)

Following the award-winning success of last year's event, Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) is hosting Childminding Week 2018 - an awareness campaign to raise the profile and recognition of childminding services across Scotland.

This is an exciting time for childminders, and we hope Childminding Week 2018 will – once again – showcase childminding as a key priority within the professional Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) workforce – as childminders are already providing high-quality childcare for over 30,000 children in Scotland.

To help us share our key messages and get **#CheerforChildminding** trending, we need your help! I've attached our Childminding Week 2018 'Partner and Stakeholder Toolkit' which is full of social media posts, links and imagery for you to share far and wide, with your colleagues and wider network. More information is available at [www.childminding.org/childminding-week](http://www.childminding.org/childminding-week).

## New E-module

The new 'Preventing Unintentional Injuries in Early Years' e-learning module launched on April 9, in the Early Years category of the NHS Health Scotland learning platform website.

Unintentional injury is one of the main causes of death and is the most common cause of emergency hospital admissions in children aged under 15 in Scotland. The aim of this module is to explore what unintentional injuries are, their causes and effects and how to prevent these injuries.

This module is for all adults including family, those who have a professional, and voluntary relationships with early years, children and families across Scotland. See <https://elearning.healthscotland.com/>





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