



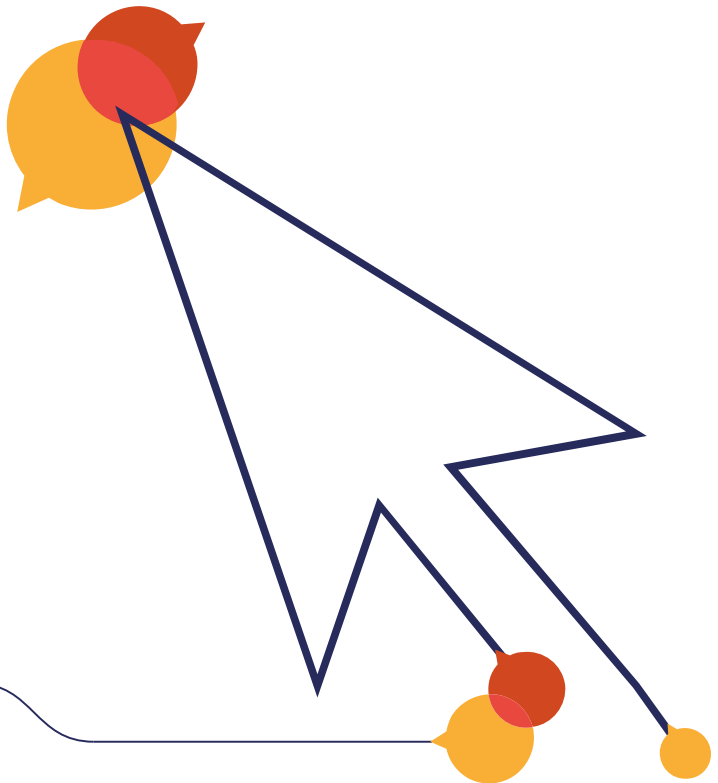
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Following a glorious summer, we hope you find the following information of interest as we move into the autumn season

Injury Pyramid



RoSPA’s Community Safety team has released an Injury Pyramid for Scotland for the data released in 2016/17. The pyramid shows fatality data for road, home, workplace and water as well as serious injury data.

The pyramid along with the data notes can be viewed and downloaded here: <https://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/injury-pyramid/>



White Goods Safety

A new page has been added to the RoSPA website to cover white goods safety. The page covers advice for specific products such as refrigerators, microwave ovens and washing machines. In addition, it provides links to further advice and the Government's pages on product recalls.

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/product/white-goods/>
<https://www.rospa.com/lets-talk-about/2017/june/white-goods-safety/>

Projects

Building Safer Communities

Reducing unintentional harm and injury is a key work stream on the Building Safer Communities (BSC) agenda. The Unintentional Harm Executive Group (chaired by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service with members from a number of organisations) is taking forward recommendations from the first ever national Strategic Assessment on Unintentional Harm.

As part of this they are developing a national web based tool to gather and share initiatives across Scotland that support the reduction of unintentional harm. The hub is intended for practitioners, professionals and community groups and will provide a 'one stop shop' resource on unintentional harm and injury. This will include learning from real life good practice cases studies, signposting to other useful websites and the opportunity to share experiences.

To help inform this work, the BSC Team are carrying out a mapping exercise of local practice already underway. This has highlighted a lot of great work covering a range themes, such as home safety, water safety, outdoor safety, and linking to the priority groups identified as being disproportionately affected by unintentional harm and injury (under 5s, over 65s and those living in areas of deprivation).

The BSC team are keen to hear about projects you're involved in or aware of that could be included. Please contact Hollie Gibson, BSC Team, on 0131 244 5953 or hollie.gibson@gov.scot

Press release

Thursday, August 2, 2018

East Ayrshire children protected from cleaning product injuries in RoSPA campaign

<https://www.rospa.com/media-centre/press-office/press-releases/detail/?id=1586>

Families in East Ayrshire are being urged by the Royal Society for the Prevention Accidents (RoSPA) to take action to protect their children from the risks of household cleaning products



The latest phase of the [Take Action Today, Put Them Away](#) campaign was launched yesterday (Wednesday, August 1) at East Ayrshire Council's Vibrant Communities Playday at Kay Park, Kilmarnock.

This follows the scheme's success in Birmingham, Liverpool, King's Lynn, Nottingham, Newcastle and Bradford, where 240,000 families have been helped to prevent poisoning and eye injuries.

Across Scotland in 2016/17, 342 children under the age of five were poisoned in their own homes. NHS Ayrshire and Arran recorded one of the highest numbers of poisonings in this age group for the same period (48).

Autumn Events

● Gas Safety Week

17-23 September 2018

SGN has pledged its support for this year's Gas Safety Week. SGN want to raise awareness of gas safety to help reduce the number of dangerous gas appliances in homes across the UK and keep everyone and their families gas safe.

Stay Gas Safe at home this Gas Safety Week by following these top tips:

- Sign up to a free annual gas safety check reminder service at www.staygassafe.co.uk.
- Be aware of the signs that an unsafe gas appliance may cause such as a lazy yellow flame instead of a crisp blue flame; soot or staining on or around the appliance; excess condensation in the room.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. CO gas is known as the 'silent killer' as it has no smell, taste or colour. The symptoms of CO poisoning include headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, collapse and loss of consciousness, which can easily be mistaken for something else.
- To refer someone who might benefit from our locking cooker valve, call 0800 975 1818 or email locking.valve@sgn.co.uk
- Always ask to see an engineer's Gas Safe ID card and check it to make sure the engineer is qualified to check or fit the appliance in question.

For further details and contact information, please view the press release available at:

<https://www.sgn.co.uk/News/2018-Sep-News/SGN-pledges-support-for-Gas-Safety-Week-2018/>

● Scottish Childminding Association Conference 2018 - Reach for the Stars

Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, Saturday 29th September 2018

RoSPA will be exhibiting at this event which will provide a great opportunity to share safety information with those who have direct contact with very young children. Please come along and visit RoSPA on Stand 9.

For further information and booking details visit <https://www.childminding.org/conference>



● **Children in Scotland's 25th Anniversary Networking event**

[City Art Centre](#) , Edinburgh, Wednesday 10th October 2018, 6pm-8pm

Children in Scotland will be unveiling the results of their major campaign, [25 Calls](#), looking at how we can transform children's lives for the better. It will also provide the opportunity to celebrate your own contribution to their work and network with 150 representatives from across the Scottish children's sector. If you would like to attend, please contact

thope@childreninscotland.org.uk or register online at <https://childreninscotland.org.uk/children-in-scotland-25th-anniversary-networking-event/>

● **Children's Rights Consultation Conference**

10th October 2018

On Wednesday 10th October, Together will be holding a Children's Rights Consultation Conference to gather views on the Scottish Government's consultation on the upcoming Children's Rights Action Plan. The conference will take place from 10am-4pm in Edinburgh and will give Together members an opportunity to have their views on the Action Plan taken into account by Scottish Government.

Register your interest for the conference [here](#).

Together will also be publishing their response to the 'Progressing Children's Rights in Scotland – An Action Plan' consultation by 19th September to help inform members' responses.

● **Faculty of Public Health: Right to Health**

Peebles Hydro Hotel, Thursday 1st – Friday 2nd November 2018

Registration is now open for the Faculty of Public Health's Annual Scottish Conference to be held at Peebles Hydro on 1-2 November 2018.

RoSPA's OHS Policy Adviser Dr Karen McDonnell will be speaking at this event on Thursday 1st November at Parallel session A6 – A whole person whole life approach to falls prevention.

To find out more please and get the Registration Document or visit : www.fphscotconf.co.uk

Please note that the cut-off date for booking accommodation is 20 September 2018. At this point any unsold rooms will be returned, and you may have to book direct.

- ◆ *Got Talent? This year the conference dinner will be accompanied by a Faculty Fringe Event. All are welcome to audition: singer, musician, dancer, rapper, actor, comedian, magician etc. Please send a video of your performance by 19 October 2018 to be in with a chance to perform and win a prize.*

● **Children in Scotland Annual Conference 2018**

Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, 7th -8th November 2018

The RoSPA team looks forward to joining colleagues at all levels from public, private and third sector organisations in education, early years, care, health, social work, youth work, and across the children's sector for more than 40 sessions on key topics such as:



- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Early learning and childcare including the road to 2020
- Workforce development and the workforce of tomorrow
- Education and attainment
- Inclusion for all
- Health and wellbeing.

Further information and booking details available at: <https://childreninScotland.org.uk/children-in-scotland-annual-conference-2018/>

Useful Links

- This is a link to the Public Health England Fingertips tool which covers England and highlights all kinds of data (including injuries) for towns and cities.

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/search/injuries#page/0/gid/1/pat/15/par/E12000004/ati/6/are/E06000015>

Question: would you find it useful if Scotland had a similar system?
Please email communitysafety@rospa.com with your thoughts

- Public Health England has recently produced (in conjunction with RoSPA and CAPT) 'Reducing unintentional injuries in and around the home among children under five years'. This document outlines a four step plan for local authorities and partnerships with much of the content being transferrable to a Scottish setting. It also includes information on types of accidents involving children, costs and prevention opportunities and underlines the value of partnership working.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/696646/Unintentional_injuries_under_fives_in_home.pdf

- 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 McAvooy on cmcavoy@rospa.com for further information.



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