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FEATURE STORIES

WORLD: 10th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, 21st-24th September 2010, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, UK

Safety 2010 is a major world conference bringing together stakeholders in the prevention of unintentional injuries and violence from around the world to debate, discuss and exchange information and experiences.

The conference is being organised by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Violence Prevention at the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University. The conference is co-sponsored by the World Health Organization. The Department of Health, The Health Protection Agency and the Department of Children, Schools and Families in England are supporting the conference.

The key theme of the conference is Safe and Equitable Communities. This theme has been chosen to reflect the disproportionate burden from almost all types of injuries that falls on poorer communities. Such differences are apparent both within countries, between countries and even between global regions.

The conference will highlight the interface between different sectors, organisations and disciplines. It will also examine unintentional injuries and violence linked to age, gender and

ethnicity; focus on settings including the home, work, sports and leisure; and explore related environmental and sustainability factors.

Practitioners, researchers and policy makers from health, criminal justice, education, public administration and industry are invited to join an international and diverse audience at Safety 2010.

For further information or to download a place the conference please click on the following link:

<http://www.safety2010.org.uk/>

SOURCE: Safety 2010 website



UK: 20mph speed zones work, says new report

UK cities should have more 20mph speed zones, as they have cut road injuries by over 40% in London, a study claims. In particular the number of children killed or seriously injured has been halved over the past 15 years, the British Medical Journal reported.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine study estimates 20mph zones have the potential to prevent up to 700 casualties in London alone. At 20mph, it is estimated only one in 40 pedestrians is killed in a crash. This compares with a one in five chance for someone hit at 30mph.

The researchers compared data on road collisions, injuries and deaths in London between 1986 and 2006, with speed limits on roads.

After adjusting for a general reduction in road injuries in recent years, they found that the introduction of 20mph zones were associated with a 41.9% drop in casualties. The greatest reduction was seen in children under the age of 11 years and in the numbers of all ages killed or seriously injured. Cyclist

injuries fell by 17% once 20mph zones came in, and injuries in pedestrians have been cut by almost a third. There was also no evidence of a higher rate of casualties in areas bordering the 20mph zones, as in areas adjacent to 20mph zones casualties fell by an average of 8%.

For further information or to download this report please click on the following link:

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/339/dec10_3/b4469

SOURCE: BBC news and BMJ



UK: The Association of Directors of Public Health lobby the UK Government to strengthen guidance on the introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Following the multi-agency initiative – Take Action on active travel policy – to which 110 organisations, including CAPIC and IOBI were signatories, the Association of Directors of Public Health have written to Paul Clark, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport urging a strengthening of the guidance on the introduction of 20mph zones across the UK. The Association is urging a presumption that 20mph zones should be the normal speed limit across all cities. To see the full content of their letter please click on the following link: http://www.injuryobservatory.net/documents/Letter_to_Paul_Clark_MP_feb2010.pdf

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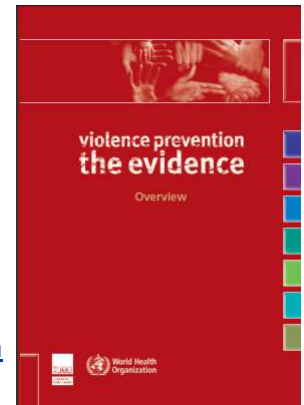
WORLD: Violence Prevention: The evidence

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University, have launched Violence prevention: the evidence, an eight-part series of briefings on the evidence for interventions to prevent interpersonal and self-directed violence. By spotlighting evidence for the effectiveness of interventions, Violence prevention: the evidence provides clear directions for how violence prevention funders, policy makers and programme implementers can boost the impact of their violence prevention efforts. The eight-part series covers:

- Preventing violence through the development of safe, stable and nurturing relationships between children and their parents and caregivers
- Preventing violence by developing life skills in children and adolescents
- Preventing violence by reducing the availability and harmful use of alcohol
- Guns, knives and pesticides: reducing access to lethal means
- Promoting gender equality to prevent violence against women
- Changing cultural and social norms that support violence
- Reducing violence through victim identification, care and support programmes

The briefings are available at: http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/4th_milestones_meeting/publications/en/index.html

SOURCE: Author, Zara Anderson



ENGLAND: Enhancing Violence Prevention through Accident and Emergency Department Data Sharing in the North West

In July 2009 the Department for Health put together a national bidding programme to provide funding for partners in the government's Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) areas to enhance or improve the sharing of data between accident and emergency departments (AEDs) and local partners. On behalf of Government Office North West and local partners, the Centre for Public Health at Liverpool John Moores University successfully bid and secured funds to enhance AED datasets and develop faster, routine data sharing between AEDs and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs). The project runs from August 2009 to March 2010 and is being led by the Trauma and Injury Intelligence Group (TIIG) (www.tiig.info).

For further information on this project please click on the following link:

http://www.capic.org.uk/ae_data_sharing_neast.html

SOURCE: Author, Zara Anderson



ENGLAND: Giving children a healthy start: A review of health improvements in children from birth to five years

This report assesses the local implementation of national policy from 1999 to 2009 on the health of children from birth to five years of age in England

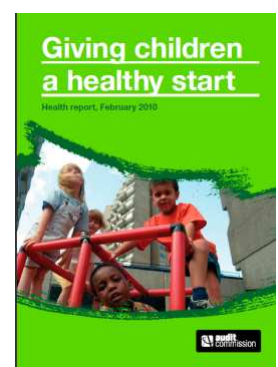
It examines local service planning and delivery, including priority setting, and how local bodies can improve service delivery and access for vulnerable groups such as black and minority ethnic (BME) communities, lone and teenage parents.

The report discusses the impact of government funding on health outcomes for the under-fives; how effectively local bodies manage their resources; and the extent to which they are providing good value for money. It provides recommendations for national and local bodies, as well as examples of notable practice.

To download the report please click on the following link:

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nationalstudies/health/financialmanagement/Pages/GivingChildrenaHealthyStart.aspx>

SOURCE: Audit Commission



FEATURE STORIES

ENGLAND: Safe at Home scheme starts 2010 with free resources for all

Safe At Home, the national home safety equipment scheme, is starting the new year by making its accident prevention DVD and height charts freely available to home safety practitioners across England.

For further information please click on the following link:

http://www.rospa.com/news/releases/2010/pr755_04_01_10_home.htm

SOURCE: Safe at Home website



IRELAND: Ireland hosts 19 countries for discussions on value and progress of Child Safety Action Plans in Europe

The Department of Health and Children and the Health Service Executive of Ireland hosted the European Child Safety Alliance and its partners on the Child Safety Action Plan (CSAP) initiative for a two-day meeting on December 2-3.

During the meeting project partners shared progress and current challenges in developing and/or implementing their child safety action plans and discussed the great value the project has had for child injury in their countries. In particular it was identified how the Child Safety Action Plan project has become the umbrella programme from which all the other activities of the European Child Safety Alliance flow. The framework and information the initiative has provided and the capacity it has built have established a stronger base from which the Alliance network can take specific child safety actions.

For further information on this event please click on the following link:

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwContent/E3DB312CDF4E5B01C125768600447EA8?opendocument&context=1DCF6C777136A133C1257177003C86A1>



SOURCE: Eurosafe website

UK: Driver Education—A blueprint for success?

'Driver Education—A blueprint for success' provides a review of the current state of driver education. It identifies a number of guidelines to assist in the development of successful education interventions, and some of the pitfalls to avoid.

To download the review please click on the following link:

http://www.injuryobservatory.net/documents/Driver_educationpdf.pdf

SOURCE: Driving Research Ltd.

ENGLAND: Stress helpline launches

People struggling at the hands of the recession can get support and advice from a new NHS helpline.

People can call NHS Stressline on 0300 123 2000. The service is open daily between 8am and 10pm. The NHS Stressline is staffed by trained health advisors who will give callers practical support and, if they are suffering from anxiety, stress or depression, point them to wider financial and mental health support. The service, which has been successfully piloted, is linked to the Government's flagship Talking Therapies programme and will be the focus of a new public awareness campaign in the New Year.

For further information please click on the following link: <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.aspx?News&raid=2&ReleaseID=099868&SubjectId=15&DepartmentMode=true>

SOURCE: News Distribution Service for the Government and the Public Sector

FEATURE STORIES

SCOTLAND: The Year of Home Safety 2010

Home Safety Scotland launched the “Year of Home Safety 2010” on 3rd February at IKEA Edinburgh, to raise awareness of unintentional injuries in the home, and to offer practical and inexpensive methods of prevention. The event was well attended by members of the public and was launched by Jimmy Campbell – Chief Fire Officer, Fire.

For further information please click on the following link:

http://www.rospace.com/news/releases/2010/pr763_01_02_10_home.htm

SOURCE: RoSPA



SCOTLAND: Partnership on smoking and fire safety

Strathclyde Fire Service has teamed up with the NHS to encourage people to stop smoking in a bid to cut fires and improve people's health.

For further information about this partnership please click on the following link:

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/health/fire-service-joins-nhs-in-anti-smoking-campaign-1.1003960>

SOURCE: Herald Scotland



IRELAND: Helmets now mandatory for players of hurling – a uniquely Irish sport

Hurling is a popular team sport on the island of Ireland. The game is fast-paced and played with a curved stick and a small ball. To increase player safety, the game's regulatory body, the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), has made it compulsory for all players to wear a helmet with a facial guard.

The rule was initially piloted with players at younger age levels. The GAA said: “we have seen a reduction in the number of serious facial injuries at these grades thanks to the compulsory use of helmets in games and training and we would hope to see the same trend at senior level.” The rule change commenced on 1 January 2010 and applies to training sessions and matches at all age levels.

SOURCE: Author, Steve Barron

STRATEGIES AND CONSULTATIONS

ENGLAND: Guidance on the consumption of alcohol by children and young people

The Chief Medical Officer's guidance for parents, children and young people is based on the most comprehensive ever review of the scientific evidence and follows an extensive public consultation.

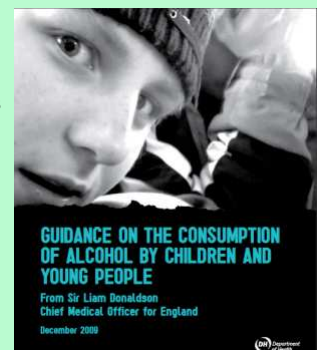
Following publication of draft guidance in January this year, parents were asked what they thought. Parents from across the country commented on the guidance, with the majority welcoming its focus on parental responsibility and the clear advice on the health effects and risks of children drinking alcohol.

The final guidance is the first time advice on children and alcohol has been set out for parents and will be the basis of a new national campaign on alcohol and children to be launched by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. The campaign will provide support and advice to parents and young people on the effects and harms of alcohol.

To review the report please click on the following link:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_110258

SOURCE: Department of Health



STRATEGIES AND CONSULTATIONS

ENGLAND & WALES: Together we can end violence against women and girls strategy

The Together We Can End Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy signals a new focus on preventing violence from happening. From 2011, preventing violence in relationships will be included in personal, social, health and economic education in schools. This will ensure that attitudes which condone and perpetuate violence against women are addressed before they become entrenched in young people.

For further information about this strategy please click on the following link:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/violence-against-women-and-girls>

SOURCE: Home Office



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

WALES: Child safety scheme to launch in Lampeter

Funding has been secured for a new scheme that aims to protect the most disadvantaged children in Lampeter from accidental injury and death. Money from the National Public Health Service for Wales and Ceredigion's Health Social Care and Well Being Strategy will help to provide home safety training and equipment to families with children under the age of five in the town. The Child Home Safety Scheme will start in January and will be run by Ceredigion Public Health Team, health visitors and Lampeter Family centre in conjunction with the Fire and Rescue Service and Care and Repair.



For further information please click on the following link: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/news.cfm?orgid=719&contentid=13990>

SOURCE: National Public Health Service for Wales

TOOLS AND GUIDES

GREAT BRITAIN: BBC develops new interactive road traffic accident tool



The BBC have developed a new interactive tool which provides information on road traffic accidents (RTA) in Great Britain between 1999 and 2008. As well as an interactive graphical tool which enables the user to display RTA figures by sex, age, vehicle, weather, weekday and road type, it also offers an interactive map displaying all fatal RTA's from 1999-2008.

To access this tool please click on the following link: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8412891.stm>

SOURCE: BBC website

UK: Road to success

The [Road to Success](#) is a booklet for parents designed to help them safely guide their sons and daughters through the process of learning to drive. It has been produced in response to the very poor crash and casualty statistics for newly-qualified drivers – they account for more than two in five road deaths in the UK.

For further information or to download the guide please click on the following link:

<http://www.roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/807.html>

SOURCE: Road Safety GB, Aviva



UK: RoSPA's Top Ten Tips to Stay Within the Limit

RoSPA have produced a new poster to illustrate their Top 10 Tips to help drivers stay within the Speed Limit. The poster highlights some simple and practical things drivers who find it difficult to stay with speed limits can do to help themselves.

http://www.rosplashop.com/epages/es118341.sf/en_GB/?ObjectPath=/Shops/es118341_shop/Products/ISPP4291/SubProducts/ISPP4291

SOURCE: RoSPA

TOOLS AND GUIDES

UK: Safer Driving for Work Handbook

Driving is the most dangerous work activity that most people do. About 20 people are killed and 250 seriously injured every week in crashes involving someone who was driving, riding or otherwise using the road for work purposes.

In response to popular demand, RoSPA has produced a completely updated and brand new 'Driving for Work Handbook'. This compact booklet is ideal as an induction and ongoing driver education tool containing all the information a driver needs to help keep them safe on the road.

http://www.rosplashop.com/epages/es118341.sf/en_GB/?ObjectPath=/Shops/es118341_shop/Products/RSDR192

SOURCE: RoSPA



INJURY PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS

UK: Why Let Drink Decide?



A new national advertising campaign aims to raise awareness of how alcohol can make young people vulnerable to problems such as unwanted pregnancies, road traffic accidents and poor marks at school. The advertisements ask young people and their parents 'Why Let Drink Decide?' and aims to help parents work with their children to establish a safe and sensible relationship with alcohol.

To find out more about this campaign please click on the following link:

<http://whyletdrinkdecide.direct.gov.uk/>

SOURCE: Direct Gov

WALES: Alcohol is no excuse

Alcohol is No Excuse is the message of a new partnership campaign being launched to change the attitudes and behaviour surrounding alcohol-related domestic violence. The message that alcohol is no excuse will be delivered across Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil using adverts, banners, posters, leaflets and targeted campaigns in licensed premises.

A website is also supporting the campaign.

<http://www.alcoholisnoexcuse.co.uk/>

SOURCE: Alcohol is no excuse



UK: Drivers warned to check effects of medicines



A new THINK! campaign is warning drivers to make sure they are aware of the potential effects of medicines when they get behind the wheel.

To find out more about this campaign please click on the following link:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/N11/Newsroom/DG_183844

SOURCE: Direct Gov

SCOTLAND: Hair Straightener Burns Awareness Campaign

A prevention campaign was launched in Glasgow on 3rd December by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde after a huge incidence in hair straightener burns to children who attended Yorkhill Children's hospital last year.

For more information, press coverage and to download a copy of the poster used, please follow the links:

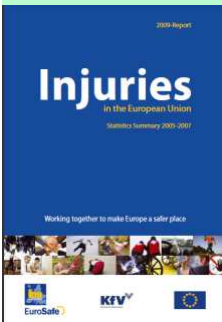
<http://www.rospace.com/homesafety/scotland/hair-straighteners.htm>

SOURCE: RoSPA



INJURY STATISTICS AND DATA

EUROPE: Eurosafe launch of report on “Injuries in the European Union - Statistics Summary 2005 - 2007”



The 2009-report “Injuries in the EU” was launched by Eurosafe in December. The report presents data collected over the years 2005-2007. It also highlights injury data related to major risk groups and injury causes as identified in the EU-Council recommendation on injury prevention and safety promotion: children, adolescents, senior citizens, pedestrians/ bicyclists, sporting activities, consumer products, interpersonal violence and self-harm.

For further information and to access the report, please click on the following link:

<http://www.childsafetyeurope.org/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/l3reports-1.htm>

SOURCE: Eurosafe website

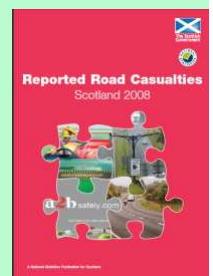
SCOTLAND: Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2008

Reported road injury accident and casualty statistics were been released back in November by Scotland's Chief Statistician. This hard-copy reference document updates provisional figures published in June and presents more detailed analysis, including estimates of drink driving accidents, accident costs and comparisons with other countries.

For further information and to access the report please click on the following link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/23124303>

SOURCE: The Scottish Government



ENGLAND: Statistics on Drug Misuse: England, 2009



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This annual statistical report presents a range of information on drug misuse amongst both adults and children. It also includes a focus on young adults. The report is primarily concerned with the use of illicit drugs. The topics covered include:

- Prevalence of drug misuse, including the types of drugs used;
- Trends in drug misuse over recent years;
- Patterns of drug misuse among different groups of the population; and
- Health outcomes related to drug misuse including hospital admissions, drug treatment and numbers of deaths.

This bulletin also summarises Government plans and targets in this area, as well as providing sources of further information and links to relevant documents.

To view this report please click on the following link:

http://www.injuryobservatory.net/documents/Statistics_on_Drug_Misuse_England_2009.pdf

SOURCE: NHS The Information Centre for Health and Social Care

SCOTLAND: Unintentional Injuries in Scotland, 2008

The Information Services Division (ISD) in Scotland has released their latest update on Scottish hospital admissions and deaths caused by unintentional injuries in 2008.

For further information please click on the following link: <http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/6087.html>

SOURCE: ISD Scotland

INJURY STATISTICS AND DATA

ENGLAND: New report shows extent of peak in A&E attendances for assault on Friday and Saturday nights

Hospital records published by The NHS Information Centre reveal for the first time the pattern of people attending A&E due to assault.

Of the nearly 13.8 million recorded attendances at A&E in 2008/09, 1.3 per cent (181,568) were due to assault - with attendances for assault peaking sharply on Friday and Saturday nights.

For further information please click on the following link:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/news-and-events/press-office/press-releases/new-report-shows-extent-of-peak-in-a-and-e-attendances-for-assault-on-friday-and-saturday-nights>

SOURCE: The Information Centre for Health and Social Care



NORTHERN IRELAND: Deliberate self harm in Northern Ireland

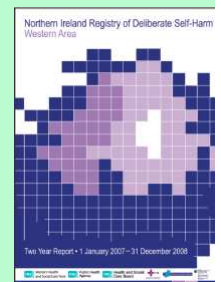
Data from the pilot of Northern Ireland's Registry of Deliberate Self Harm were published in January 2010. The pilot was part of the rollout of Northern Ireland's Suicide Prevention Strategy 'Protect Life – A Shared Vision.'

Data were collected in three accident and emergency departments in the Western Health and Social Care Trust area of Northern Ireland during 2007 and 2008. Data collection was consistent with Republic of Ireland's National Registry of Deliberate Self Harm and the report includes comparisons between cities in Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and England.

The report can be downloaded at

http://www.injuryobservatory.net/documents/2_year_report.pdf

SOURCE: Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.



NORTHERN IRELAND: Halloween's firework injuries in Northern Ireland



The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Northern Ireland recently published statistics relating to injuries caused by fireworks during the Halloween period. The data relate to accident and emergency department presentations for injuries caused by a firework during 17 October to 14 November 2009.

Further information is available at

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/stats-activity_stats-2/firework_statistics.htm

SOURCE: Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

IRELAND: Survey of lifestyles, Attitudes and Nutrition in Ireland

This is the third national Survey of Lifestyle, Attitudes and Nutrition (SLÁN) in Ireland, conducted in 2007 using face-to-face interviews with adults aged 18 years or over, interviewed at home addresses. SLÁN 2007 follows on from two previous surveys using postal questionnaires. The report includes findings on alcohol and the use of illicit drugs, as well as injuries necessitating medical consultation.

To download the report and for further information please click on the following link:

<http://www.slan06.ie/>

SOURCE: Department of Health and Children



ENGLAND: London Mobile Phone and Seat Belt Survey 2009

The following study has found that the number of car drivers illegally using hand-held mobile phones at the wheel has doubled in the past two years. Similar patterns were observed among taxi and van drivers.

To download the report please click on the following link:

http://www.injuryobservatory.net/documents/Mobile_phones_report.pdf **SOURCE:** London Road Safety Unit

INJURY STATISTICS AND DATA

ENGLAND: Hospital admissions 2008/09 - sharp object and firearm admissions fall for second year

Hospital admissions in England 2008/09 due to assaults by a sharp object fell for the second year running as did admissions due to injuries from a firearm.

In 2008/09 there were 4,914 admissions for assaults by a sharp object; a six per cent decrease from 2007/08 (5,239), but a three per cent increase since 2003/04 (4,774).

There were 1,120 admissions for injuries from a firearm in 2008/09; a five per cent decrease from 2007/08 (1,181) and an 18 per cent decrease since 2003/04 (1,370).

To download the report please click on the following link:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/news-and-events/press-office/press-releases/steep-rise-in-hospital-admissions-for-obesity-in-england-but-fall-in-admissions-for-assault-by-a-sharp-object>

SOURCE: The Information Centre for health and social care

RESEARCH NEWS

This section highlights important new research findings from the scientific literature. Each week CAPIC staff screen research abstracts produced by SafetyLit (<http://www.safetylit.org/>) the injury prevention literature update produced by San Diego State University in collaboration with the World Health Organization. The amount of literature is large and growing with about 120 publications each week and it is hard for anybody to keep up with this information. Many people prefer to read summary documents which bring together the evidence from many studies

CAPIC provides a searchable database of all summary reviews of injury prevention

http://www.capic.org.uk/systematic_reviews.html.

This section of the new sletter identifies notable individual studies which contain important new information for prevention.

The non-linearity of risk and the promotion of environmentally sustainable transport

It is found that for very large transfers of trips from motor vehicles to walking or cycling, a reduction of the total number of accidents is indeed possible. This shows that the high injury rate for pedestrians and cyclists in the current transport system does not necessarily imply that encouraging walking or cycling rather than driving will lead to more accidents.

Authors: Elvik R.

Reference: Accid Anal Prev 2009; 41(4): 849-55

The potential for Cycle Helmets to Prevent Injury: A review of the evidence

The review evaluates the effectiveness of cycle helmets from several perspectives, including a review of current test Standards; a biomechanical investigation of their potential limitations; a review of recent literature; and finally an assessment of the casualties that could be prevented if cycle helmets were more widely used.

Authors: D Hynd, R Cuerden, S Reid, S Adams

Reference: TRL Project Report PPR446, 2009, ISBN: 978-1-84608-842-1

Effects of tai chi on health-related quality of life in the elderly.

Thai Chi is increasingly used in the field of medicine and rehabilitation as an alternative therapy. The results of this review show that older persons obtain physical and psychological benefits from this activity. These benefits are reflected in improved physical functions, reduced fear and fewer falls, which also reduce levels of depression. Furthermore, symptoms are considerably reduced in distinct groups with various diseases, thus improving health-related quality of life.

Authors: Romero Zurita A.

Reference: Rev Esp Geriatr Gerontol 2010; ePub(ePub): ePub.

RESEARCH NEWS

Using geographical information systems to assess the equitable distribution of traffic-calming measures: translational research

High resolution map data can be manipulated within a GIS to enable the distribution of traffic-calming measures to be assessed over large areas. There are very few traffic-calmed roads in any area and there is scope for more. Deprived areas have substantially more traffic calming. Making such data available to the public should be tested as an advocacy tool to increase the provision of traffic-calming features.

Authors: Sarah E Rodgers, Sarah J Jones, Steven M Macey, Ronan A Lyons

Reference: Inj Prev 2010;16:7-11 doi:10.1136/ip.2009.022426

* An additional feature will be included in the next issue of IPN

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

This section of the newsletter contains injury prevention related news stories from the last 4 months.



School lessons to tackle domestic violence outlined

Every school pupil in England is to be taught that domestic violence against women and girls is unacceptable, as part of a new government strategy.



Full story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8376943.stm>

New designs for safer pint glasses

Thousands of people are hurt each year in violent attacks where broken beer glasses are used as weapons. Could two new pint glass designs be the answer?



Full Story -

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/8495617.stm>

Fall in admissions for assault by a sharp object

Hospital admissions in England 2008/09 due to assaults by a sharp object fell for the second year running as did admissions due to injuries from a firearm.

Full Story -

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/news-and-events/press-office/press-releases/steep-rise-in-hospital-admissions-for-obesity-in-england-but-fall-in-admissions-for-assault-by-a-sharp-object>



Major roads 'not meeting top safety rating'

Only half of the motorways in England reach the top safety rating, with other major roads much worse, a report says.

Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8482087.stm>

Slips up as booze incidents fall

A&E departments are seeing a surge in accidents caused by icy conditions, but alcohol-related incidents are down in some areas as people celebrate at home.



Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8428328.stm>

'Most' back drink-drive limit cut

Four out of five people back a cut in the drink-drive limit, according to a Scottish government-commissioned poll.

Full Story -

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/8476859.stm>



Playing it too safe?

Parents banned from sports days, children prevented from flying kites, three-legged races outlawed. Health and safety gone mad, or media hysteria, asks Emine Saner

Full Story -

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2009/dec/30/health-and-safety>



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

North East youngsters 'drink and smoke the most'

Young people aged 11 to 15 in London drink and smoke substantially less than some of their contemporaries in the north of England, NHS data show s.



Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8483033.stm>

HSE safety campaign stresses dangers of slips at work

A NEW safety campaign to cut slips, trips and falls at work has been launched, four days after two painters fell to their deaths from the Forth and Tay bridges.

Full Story -

<http://news.scotsman.com/health/Safety-campaign--stresses-dangers.6033147.jp>

Child killing rate 'drops by 40%' in England and Wales

The number of violent deaths among children in England and Wales has fallen by almost 40% since 1974, research has suggested.

Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8497277.stm>

BBC's Strictly Come Dancing 'inspires' injuries

They dream of tripping the light fantastic, but the reality for thousands of amateurs inspired by Strictly Come Dancing is a trip to the doctor's surgery



Full Story -

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1571956/BBCs-Strictly-Come-Dancing-inspires-injuries.html>

Dog attack injuries rise by 60% in a decade

The number of people sent to hospital after dog attacks in Wales has risen by 60% over the last decade, according to NHS figures obtained by BBC Wales.



Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/8513921.stm>

Injury statistics concern rugby players' chief Hopley

Rugby Players' Association chief Damian Hopley is alarmed by the 20% increase in the number of injuries suffered by Premiership players last season.



Full Story -

http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/rugby_union/8471469.stm

MPs call for clampdown on alcohol misuse

MPs have called for a fundamental overhaul of government policy to curb excessive drinking.



Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8446799.stm>

Family films set bad safety example

Half of all family blockbuster films set a bad example to children as characters routinely break basic safety rules, an academic report claims.

Full Story -

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/7053339/Family-films-set-bad-safety-example.html>

Parents sue pushchair maker over 'injury warnings'

A group of parents are suing pushchair maker Maclaren claiming it knew its products had injured children and ignored warnings others could get hurt.

Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8402934.stm>

Watchdog Ofsted accused of stoking child safety fears

Local government leaders have accused Ofsted of "feeding people's fears" over child safety, rather than improving child protection in England.

Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8375380.stm>

Elevators Can Bring Injury to Seniors

Over 2,600 senior citizens suffer serious elevator-related injuries each year in the United States, and three-quarters of them are women, according to the results of the first large-scale study of these events.



Full Story -

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/health/day635932.html>

NHS trusts 'failing to act on safety alerts'

Hundreds of health trusts, including two in Greater London, have failed to act on safety alerts designed to avoid the injury or death of patients, according to a report.

Full Story -

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5hgQMZ11EjhbXSo4-RdXSJzKrdw>

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

Skin helmet reduces injury

The British industrial design firm IDC has come up with something that they say could save lives. It's a sort of skin that sits on the outside of a motorcycle helmet.

Full Story - <http://cmgonline.com/content/view/2179/51/>

Helmets on the slopes cut head injury risk

Wearing a helmet while skiing or snow boarding reduces the risk of head injury by 35 per cent, new research shows.



Full Story -

<http://www.theobssandmail.com/life/health/helmets-on-the-slopes-cut-head-injury-risk/article1453246/>

Police targeting Aberdeen speeders

Police have begun a three-day crackdown on speeding in Aberdeen's 20mph and 30mph-limit zones.

Full Story -

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/north-east/8510986.stm>

Why joggers should bare their soles if they want to avoid injury

A new report suggests we should ditch the flashy trainers altogether and run barefoot if we want to get ahead and, crucially, avoid serious injury.



Full Story -

<http://news.scotsman.com/odd/W/hy-joggers-should-bare-their-6020875.jp>

Call for review of Taser guns after Nottingham incident

Amnesty International has called for Taser guns to be used only when there is a clear threat to life.

Full Story - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/nottinghamshire/8512870.stm>

New police palm detectors to help fight crime in Devon

Police are being armed with palm-sized metal detectors to help combat knife crime and drug abuse in Plymouth.

Full Story -

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/devon/8510834.stm>

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

13-14 April 2010

10th Crash.tech congress

Venue: Leipzig, Germany

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/www/vContent/242E05090FC274E4C12576B60031C658?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

14-18 April 2010

SITEMSH congress

Venue: Avoriaz, France

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/www/vContent/925D46ACFEECCBCC12576B90031C04A?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

19th—20th May 2010

Safe Community Conference

Venue: Reykjavik, Iceland

<http://www.congress.is/SC-Iceland2010/>

30th May—2nd June 2010

International Conference on Safety and Mobility of Vulnerable Road Users: Pedestrians, Motorcyclists and Bicyclists.

Venue: Jerusalem, Israel

<http://vulnerableroadusers.d-u.co.il/>

10th June 2010

National Child Safety Day in Germany

Venue: Berlin, Germany

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/www/vContent/B9B6DF1F66420793C12576C1003CB119?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

15th—17th June 2010

Consumer Affairs & Trading Standards Conference and Exhibition 2010

Venue: Edinburgh, UK

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<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/8AA353A354E5FB9EC1257690004295CD?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

16th - 18th June 2010

4th European Alcohol Policy Conference: From Capacity to Action

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/A4BC394DAE24CC2BC125763C002C4B28?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

21-22 June

4th European Alcohol Policy Conference: From Capacity to Action

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/A4BC394DAE24CC2BC125763C002C4B28?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

21st—25th June 2010

National Falls Awareness Week

http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/en-gb/AdviceSupport/HomeSafety/FallPrevention/NFAD/?utm_campaign=falls_jan2010&utm_content=1011004945794&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Emailvision

1st - 4th September 2010

Integrating knowledge for an interdisciplinary approach to suicidology and suicide prevention

Venue: Rome, Italy

<http://www.esssb13.org/>

21st - 24th September 2010

Safety 2010, the 10th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion.

Venue: London, England

<http://www.safety2010.org.uk/>

26th - 29th September 2010

XVIII ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect

Venue: Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

<http://www.ispcan.org/congress2010/>

27th—29th October 2010

Child in the city 2010 conference

Venue: Florence, Italy

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/8E49FE437A700A51C125768D00289BE0?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

10th—13th November 2010

European Public Health Conference

Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/ADC975A85209BA6BC12576C70026B8C6?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C1257177003C9226>

1st & 2nd November 2010

National Home Safety Congress

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow

<http://www.rospace.com/events/index.asp> - Check RoSPA website for updates.

16-17th November 2010

Road Safety GB Annual Conference 2010

Venue: Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

<http://www.roadsafetygb.org.uk/conference/index.php>

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