

Child Injury Prevention Newsletter

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- Home Safety update—So far to date fitted 1740 sets of equipment, this is a great achievement . Well done to everyone involved. The scheme will run until March 2011 (all centres will receive new forms shortly)—please keep referrals coming in!! . If you get through all your forms let Michelle know.
- Baby burn dolls available to loan from Lynfield Mount resource library—These are an excellent resource to use with parents to highlight the danger of hot drinks and bath water scalds.
- Vouchers for infant carriers available—£10 voucher for those most vulnerable families through family centres. Families must be in receipt of benefits and can be referred into local family centre, please contact Davina for further information.
- Baby Sling Alert— Following the death of 3 very young babies in America there has been an immediate recall of the 'infantino sling rider' as this can cause young babies to suffocate due to the child's position which they are forced into. Parents are being advised to return the slings to Infantino for a free replacement. Parents of babies who are: premature, low birth weight, multiple birth babies or with respiratory difficulties should be cautious and check with a doctor before using one.
- Blind cord death— a 14 month old child in Ireland has recently died through strangulation with a blind cord. Around 1 child every year dies in this horrendous way and many more 'near misses' occur. Families should be advised use a cleat. The Home Safety Equipment scheme offers blind cord winders as part of the equipment which can be used to prevent these incidents and are available cheaply from Kidrapt. See www.makeitsafe.org.uk
- CAPT Child Safety Week Packs—get your FREE pack and prevent childhood accidents. To sign up for your free pack www.capt.org/maillinglist/default
- Detergent capsule warning from leading ophthalmologists. 40% of chemical burns to toddlers eyes treated at an eye hospital are caused by capsules of liquid washing detergent—please advise parents to keep them locked away out of reach.

Training Dates

- Regional conference in-jury prevention—16th August at Heaton Mount, Bradford. Please contact: Michelle Jones, mchelle.jones@bradford.gov.uk to register your interest.
- <http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/child-safety-week/> — 3rd week June 2010 Theme 'Make Time for Safety'

Hair straighteners stay hot enough to burn 8 minutes after being unplugged. So keep out of reach!!



Training Dates

- In car safety training through the Workforce Development unit for staff responsible for carrying other people's children as part of their role. Telephone 432795/432792
- Child Safety Week "Make time for safety". Ideas for centres during this week.
- Home Safety Equipment scheme days
- Home Safety Equipment scheme workshops for parents. Let us know what you are planning.

If you would like to add anything to our bi monthly newsletters or have any comments please contact Davina Hartley the Child Accident Prevention Coordinator for BSCB Email: davina.hartley@bradford.gov.uk Tel: 01274 431490. Information from CAPT and KIDRAPT