

Child Injury Prevention Newsletter

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News

- CAPT have developed a new web based resource for childminders— 'mind the road' www.mindtheroad.org.uk CAPT says the best way to develop road safety awareness in young children is to integrate it into their everyday routines so childminders are best placed to do this for the children in their care.
- Safety at Christmas—toy safety, checking Christmas lights, electrical items etc. Please ensure parents and carers are aware of potential safety issues at Christmas.



- A number of unexpected baby deaths nationally have been linked to co sleeping. This risk is heightened if parents fall asleep with baby on the sofa or when under influence of drink or drugs. FSID and DotI advise that the best place for babies to sleep is in their own cot, in the parents room. Please pass this onto parents/carers.
- The safe at home scheme in Bradford is going well and referrals are coming through, however, we still need more referrals through as quickly as possible to ensure we get through our full allocation of almost 3000 sets of equipment. For further details of the scheme contact Davina (details below).
- Choking—more children die from choking on food items than non food items or toys. Children under 3 are at greater risk with 1 year olds being most at risk. Foods which risk choking hazard are grapes, cherries, hot dogs, sausages, popcorn, raisins, fruit with pips, sweets, nuts, raw vegetables and peanut butter.
- A road safety report as been compiled locally and shows that children under 8 are at risk as pedestrians. Parents/carers need to be encouraged to ensure children are closely supervised when out and about and very young children should always hold hands when near roads with an adult.
- We had over 100 entries to the Road Safety competition re: seatbelt on campaign. These will be on the T&A website from Tuesday 10th November to Sunday 15th November where you can vote for your favorite—Please vote! On T&A website, http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/videoandpictures/videoandpictures_gal/video_galleries_poster/



Training/Diary Dates

- ◇ ROSPA Home Safety Equipment Scheme Training 24th November and 1st December. Contact Michelle Greenwood, e-mail m.greenwodo@bradford.gov.uk to book
- ◇ 18th November In Car Safety Workshops—Bradford and Keighley. Hazel Ha taking bookings, e-mail hazel.ha@bradford.nhs.uk

Road Traffic Accidents accounted for 47% of non natural deaths among under 18's (child death overview panel pilot)

Training/Diary Dates

- Week commencing 23rd November Road Safety week

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