

Additional program materials

SAFE KIDS Canada produces fact sheets pertaining to areas such as:

- General injury prevention statistics
- Car seat safety
- Bicycle safety
- Burns
- Poisonings
- Suffocation
- Playground safety
- Halloween safety
- Winter safety tips
- Christmas safety

SAFE KIDS Canada Week

This year for the first time, SAFE KIDS Canada is organizing a week of safety activities.

Between 10–17 May, affiliates across the country will be conducting various programs, including Kids Car Seat Safety Checks, Kids Can-Bike Festivals, and playground checks in a united effort to raise awareness that injuries are the leading threat to children under the age of 15.

Conclusion

The purpose of the organization is to improve on the safety of Canada's children. We hope, over time, to show that there is a reduction to childhood injuries that can be attributed to increased public awareness and educational programs offered by SAFE KIDS Canada.



INTERNET COLUMN

Beginning with this issue we will try to keep you up to date with the rapidly emerging, new, and interesting Internet sites of possible value to our readers. Your feedback about the actual value of these sites is important. A reminder: when entering these addresses on your web browser you must type the uniform resource locator (URL) exactly as it is given, that is, entering lower case and capitalized letters as shown. Contrary to popular impressions, your computer is not very smart and extremely unforgiving of apparently trivial errors. Incidentally, the squiggles ~ occasionally listed are not 'accidents'; they are intentional. Each is addressed by a URL.

ICRIN (Injury Control Resource Information Network)

The Injury Control Resource Information Network (ICRIN) is a convenient and comprehensive listing of Internet resources related to injury control on the World Wide Web (or Web for short). Since last mentioned in the journal, it has expanded both its links and features and presently contains over 200 links to a variety of important, useful, and interesting resources. Using the communication capabilities of the Internet, ICRIN links national and international injury control related resources. It helps demonstrate the use and the potential of the Internet for data access and sharing, information gathering, global electronic communication, and electronic publishing. If you have Web access you should check out this valuable public resource as one of your first stops on the information highway. If you don't have Web access you should! ICRIN was developed and is maintained by the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Injury Research and Control. It can be located on the Web by its URL: <http://www.pitt.edu/~hweiss/injury/htm>

Australian injury information now on the Web

The National Injury Surveillance Unit (NISU), located in South Australia, provides national information about injuries. The unit is part of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, and has academic affiliation with the Flinders University of South Australia. Many NISU projects are funded by grants, principally from the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health. NISU publishes bulletins, data reports, and special thematic reports. They work to improve the currently limited sources of information on injuries, injury risk factors, and injury control, and undertake consultancies relevant to their mission.

From November 1995 all new NISU publications, along with many earlier ones, can be found on NISU's Web site. Their URL is: <http://www.nisu.flinder.edu.au>. Other NISU contact details are: tel: +61-8-374-0970; fax: +61 8 201 7602; address: NISU, Mark Oliphant Building, Laffer Drive, Bedford Park, South Australia 5042.

ISCAIP Top of the list is the International Society of Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention: <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~hirpc/iscaip.html>

Instructions for authors wishing to submit a paper to *Injury Prevention* is available on: <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~hirpc/authors.html>

Childrens Safety Network (CSN) has a home page of great interest. The URL is <http://www.edc.org/HHD/CSN/>

Building Bridges between transport and safety is a subsidiary of CSN available at: <http://www.edc.org/HHD/CSN/buildbridges/>
Bike Helmet Safety Institute may be found at <http://www.bhsi.org/>

MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report) from the US Centers for Disease Control is now available on the Internet. The home page URL is: http://www.crawford.com/cdc/mmwr_wk.html

The *British Medical Journal* puts details of its most recent contents and a selection of abstracts of published articles and press

releases on subjects covered in the journal on the Web. Its URL is: <http://www.bmj.com/bmj/>

Press releases from the US *Consumer Product Safety Commission* are available through [gopher://cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov). Recent releases include bean bags, movable soccer goals, safe toys, window covering pull cords, child resistant packaging, gas water heaters, and bicycle helmets.

INFO-C is the consumer policy bulletin of the European Commission. The URL is: <http://www.cec.lu/en/comm/spc/info.html> for material in French, English, and German. For Italian speaking consumers use: <http://www.comune.bologna.it>

SANTEL WEB, located in Luxembourg, is a mixed bag of health related topics of possible interest to health professionals. The URL is: <http://www.crpht.lu/SANTEL/home.html>

The US *Dept of Transportation's* home page is: <http://www.dot.gov>

Child Safety Forum is a relative newcomer. It features monthly child safety tips for a different room of the home aimed mostly at parents. October in the bathroom. Once connected to this Web site, after reviewing the tips, a checklist can be printed.

Also at this site is the *Web Parents Safety Net* where parents are urged to warn others of safety hazards they have discovered the hard way. The URL is: <http://www.xmission.com/~gastown/safe>

Health Net Home Page is <http://debra.dgbt.doc.ca/~mike/home.html>

Global Health Home Page is <http://www.pitt.edu/HOME/GHNet.html>

Also, for epidemiologists (or wannabe epidemiologists in North America, I urge you to send e-mail to philipp@ere.umontreal.ca to find out how to sign on to List Server Epidemio-L.

There is also an Injury List Server. Their address is: Injury-L@WVVM.WVNET.EDU. CCSN Online is also of great value. Details are available from the Canadian Children's Safety Network (see article in September issue).