

Table 1 Content of a topic module: fire and burn prevention for children in year 5

Safety messages	Suggested activities (all elements not described here)
Know how to escape from a fire	<p>Children work in groups of 2 or 3 to develop 5 minute 'infomercials' to present a safety message to the class. Class discusses the safety messages, why they are important and whether children are convinced to take action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•If there is a fire in the home follow the safety rules:<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Get out of the home•Get the fire brigade out—dial 999 using a phone outside the house•Stay out—don't go back for anything, wait for a trained fire fighter•If you have to escape through smoke, stay low and crawl under smoke•If smoke blocks your exit, close the door and cover all cracks to stop smoke entering•Involve every household member in designing a home escape plan•Have a grown up install smoke detectors on every floor of the home and remind them to test them monthly•Locate two escape routes from each room
Learn and practice outdoor fire safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Adults should light and supervise all outdoor cooking fires•Keep fires at least 4.5 metres away from the home•Always keep a bucket of water nearby to extinguish the fire•Always leave fireworks to professionals•Always wear gloves when using sparklers and put them hot end down into a bucket of sand or water•Never climb electricity towers or poles
Learn and practice cooking safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Children should only cook when supervised by an adult•Keep young children out of the kitchen when older family members are cooking•Turn pot handles towards the back of the cooker•Learn stop, drop, roll, cool and call

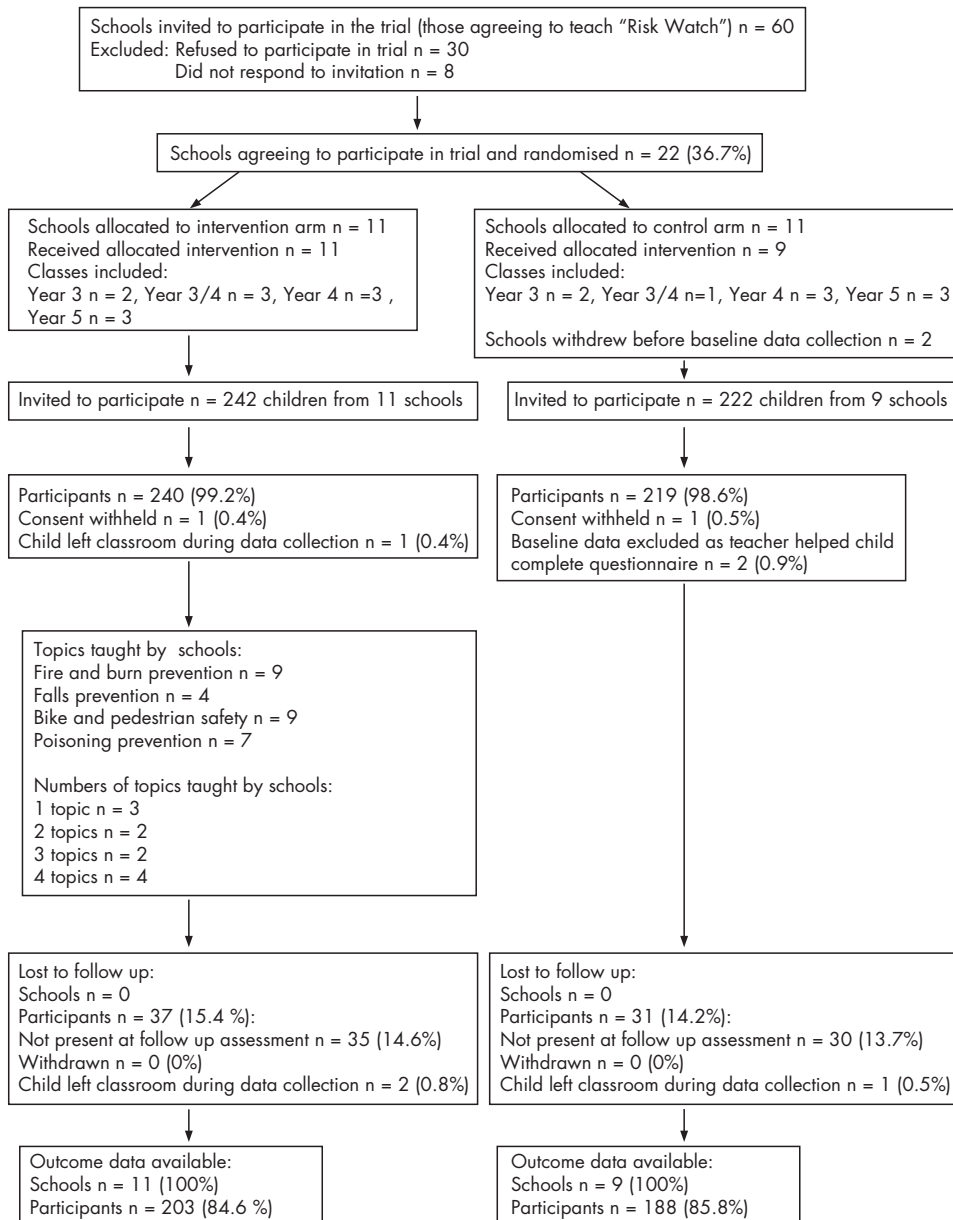


Figure 1 Flow of schools and participants through trial.