

HOMEWORL 209

Welcome to Homeword 209. For nearly 20 years, staff at RoSPA have been bringing you up to date information about what is happening in the community safety world. Thank you for signing up to our newsletter and supporting us.

Life in lockdown

We have published a new case study from Jen Foley on her experience of lockdown with three children. Jen discusses her challenges and an unfortunate accident she had as well as how useful RoSPA's resources have been. Check out Jen's experience here: <https://www.rospa.com/lets-talk-about/2020/May/Life-in-lockdown>

Home safety webinar

We are hosting our first webinar on home safety. This webinar will be held on the 20th May at 2pm and will focus on some key safety messaging for home safety around young children. The webinar is free and anyone can sign up using this online

link: <https://rospa.webex.com/rospa/onstage/g.php?MTID=e52d85c7f295e9f2cba891cd4ed8da110>

You will need to download the Webex app <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html/> and register for the event in advance.

RoSPA Scotland Annual Report – Community Safety

RoSPA Scotland has published an Annual Activities Report about its Community Safety Work in 2019/20. This snapshot report outlines the key activities of the Community Safety team and the work they have undertaken in the past financial year. The report is not exhaustive but gives a good summary of the work undertaken in Scotland. The full document comprises 19 pages and can be accessed here: <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/home-safety/community-safety-annual-report-2020.pdf>

Injury surveillance data report

A RoSPA analysis of last year's data focussing on home injuries in Scotland has been published. This paper considers recently-released statistics around unintentional injury and specifically within the home environment and includes:

- 2018/19 – a snapshot
- 2018/19 comparisons to the five year average
- 2018/19 comparisons to the five year average – under fives
- 2018/19 comparisons to the five year average – over 65s.

To download, please visit: <https://www.rospa.com/RoSPAWeb/docs/Advice-Services/Home-Safety/UK/injury-surveillance-2020.pdf>

Small area population estimates

National Records of Scotland have published mid-year estimates for small population areas last year. You can check out the data and their interactive visualisation tool here:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/news/2019/small-area-population-estimates-mid-2018>

EVOC online directory of services

Details of RoSPA's campaign Accident Free Avoid A&E are now included on the EVOC online Directory of Services which cover the Edinburgh area. The Directory contains a very comprehensive list of the many different types of services available to Edinburgh residents and covers a huge variety of topics. See

<https://edinburghcouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3f516cd826d04c76ad3e93d41be48341>

If you have a similar service in your area, please let us know about it and we can share information on our social media platforms.

Electrical Safety First

Electrical Safety First has provided some tips and information to help people stay safe around electrics during the current government advice to stay at home. You can read these tips online at:

<https://electricalsafetyfirst.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/y/92CD75B5B0CC28FB/9E4FBD0D5D21EFBA84E5AAD5A6C37FC6>

Water Safety message from RoSPA's Chief Executive

Errol Taylor, RoSPA's Chief Executive, has highlighted and promoted Water Safety Scotland's advice on Staying Safe on and around Scotland's waters. Errol promotes the advice in a video which can be accessed online:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1254741480645804038>

To read Water Safety Scotland advice on staying safe, please visit:

<https://watersafetyscotland.org.uk/information>

Clear your mind campaign

The Scottish Government has created a new campaign called "Clear your mind". The campaign provides tips to help people look after themselves during the COVID-19 outbreak. You can access the tips and advice here: <https://clearyourhead.scot/tips>

Children's Parliament: How are you doing? Survey Report

The findings of the first survey involving nearly 4,000 8-14 year olds are now available a report.

The results have shown that although most children are safe (97% agree) and doing well at home with support from parents, siblings and friends, they have various worries such as their family not having enough money. Less than half of those who took part thought they had a choice in what they were currently learning.

The survey will be completed every month and the results of this first one can be viewed at

https://www.childrensparliament.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/How_are_you_doing_Results_April_Childrens_Parliament-1.pdf

Food Buddies

Outside the box has published “Food Buddies” which offers practical help for older people, those living with dementia or who have problems around food. Their aim is to make people safer and life easier for cooking, shopping and eating food. Access the guide here: <https://otbds.org/food-buddies-tips-for-you-friendly-neighbours-during-times-when-we-cant-get-out-much/>

The cost of the School Day team

The group want to hear opinions from parents and carers about what is working well during the COVID-19 lockdown and what could be improved. To give your feedback, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3Q2KL6F>

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