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Welcome to edition 204 of Homeword. 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. From us all at RoSPA, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

### Give the gift of safety

We have been highlighting our Christmas festive tips to help stay safe over the Christmas period. Our tips have been going out on Twitter every day and we have written a blog for parents. This can be accessed online here: <a href="https://www.rospa.com/lets-talk-about/2019/December-2019/Top-festive-tips-for-families-in-Scotland">https://www.rospa.com/lets-talk-about/2019/December-2019/Top-festive-tips-for-families-in-Scotland</a>

### **RoSPA Water Safety Conference**

RoSPA Scotland is delighted to host a water safety conference in collaboration with Water Safety Scotland on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at EICA, Ratho. This full day conference will provide insight into the two year review of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy as well as including speakers on a variety of topics including climate change and flooding, sport participation, suicide prevention, inland water rescue and more.

Sponsored by RNLI, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Scottish Water, this free event will take place at the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena in Ratho and all refreshments throughout the day will be provided.

Please find a link to secure your free ticket: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/water-safety-conference-tickets-80646105673</u>

#### Coasters

RoSPA has a small supply of coasters available which contain the message about keeping hot drinks away from young children. For a supply of coasters please contact <u>communitysafety@rospa.com</u>

### Unintentional Harm and Injury Hub



New practice exemplars have been posted on the Unintentional Harm and Injury Hub as well as a number of blogs on fireworks, the Safe Tea Campaign and you can access the hub here: <u>https://harmandinjuryhub.scot/</u>

#### **Lesley Nish**

Lesley will be well-known to many through her role in child injury prevention over many years. However, due to a change in remit, Lesley will no longer be focussing on the prevention of childhood injuries. Over a number of years, Lesley has worked with partners on the development of Child Safety and Unintentional Injury strategies and implementation plans which have been overseen by a Health Board Wide Steering group. A



number of evidence based child safety resources and projects have been developed, implemented and evaluated in partnership with relevant organisations including RoSPA, such as:

- 1. Straight Off, Straight In, Straight Away a hair straightener burns prevention programme
- 2. Trampoline safety A safety tips reminder for parents was developed and distributed by retailers selling trampolines in NHSGGC
- 3. STOP First Aid for Burns and Scalds information included in a magnet format for parents and carers
- 4. An Aide Memoire for staff was developed to provide staff with information about raising child safety with families
- 5. Not for Play, Keep them Away a liquid laundry pod/ capsule ingestion prevention programme
- 6. Training for staff through the development of an e-module on all aspects of child safety from home to in car safety.

Clare Adamson, MSP submitted a Parliamentary Motion to congratulate Lesley. See:

https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-19865&ResultsPerPage=10

Lesley also provided a blog on working in injury prevention and its links to public health. You can read Lesley's blog online here: <u>https://www.rospa.com/lets-talk-about/2019/November/Lesley-Nish-talks-accident-prevention</u>

### Water Safety Workshops

RoSPA has finished evaluating the medium term outcomes for the water safety policy workshop that was held in April with RNLI. The workshop was an opportunity for local authorities to move towards developing their own policy on water safety and identify any barriers to doing so. You can read the blog on the workshop here: https://www.rospa.com/lets-talk-about/2019/November/Water-Safety-Workshops.aspx

The evaluation (which used the SCSN/ESS Measuring What Matters evaluation framework) can be accessed online here: <u>https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/water-leisure/medium-term-outcome-evaluation-report.pdf</u>

Overall, we found a lasting impact and plan to have another workshop next year. If you are interested in water safety policy, please contact <a href="mailto:cmcavoy@rospa.com">cmcavoy@rospa.com</a>

#### Did You Know?





## **Consultations:**

Police Scotland – local issues to prioritise. Closes 31<sup>st</sup> December and can be accessed online here: <u>https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police/</u>

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