



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING BY THE CHILD ACCIDENT PREVENTION FOUNDATION

### Health and Safety Training for Early Childhood Development Centers (ECD's)

During April twenty-one educare teachers from crèches around the Cape Peninsula attended the CAPFSA three day Health and Safety Course.

Thank you to the City of Cape Town who made the funding available for this course.

The following centers are some of the crèches who were represented:

- Phillipi Children's Centre
- Babbels & Krabbels – Fisantekraal
- Drie Beertjies – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Manenberg Educare
- Bolie Kabouter Educare – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Bizy Bees Educare Centre – Plumstead
- Chameleon Educare – Sybrand Park
- Wittebome Educare – Wynberg
- Toddie Bears Day Care – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Won Life ELC – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Twinkle Little Star – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Sinako Educare – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Takalani Play Group – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Little People's Paradise – Fisantekraal, Durbanville
- Toddlers Dag Sorg – Fisantekraal, Durbanville

The purpose of the training is to equip day care setting staff with knowledge on the prevention of death and injury which may/may not result in disabilities and suffering among children. The nature of the training is pro-active and preventative based, i.e. focus is directed towards creating and maintaining a safest possible

#### Safety at home for Pre-schoolers



**CAPFSA staff visited Forres Pre-Primary School in Rondebosch. Pre-schoolers were educated on Home Safety.**



**ECD representatives who attended the Health and Safety Training course**



**Educators from Early Childhood Development Centers attended a one day training at ELRU (EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE UNIT)**

environment for children in day care settings. Focus areas of the course is:

- **Health and Safety Plan**
- **Injury prevention linked with growth and development**
- **Identification and Referral – suspected Child Abuse**
- **Relevant Legislation**
- **Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses – Community & Family Component**
- **Pediatric First Aid**

Positive feedback was received from course delegates. This course was evaluated as exceptional value to Early Childhood Development Centers and essential for a safe working environment.

CAPFSA is grateful to the City of Cape Town for making the funding available. A special thanks also goes to other specialist outside our organization who assisted with facilitation of the sessions during this course namely i.e. Sr. Johanna Lucas – from Red Cross Children's Hospital, Nursing Education, Andrew Moore from the Medical Education Center, Sylwin Rossouw from the City of Cape Town Fire Services and Moefeeda Salie-Kagee from RAPCAN.

#### CAPFSA Exhibits at the City of Cape Town Employee Wellness Week – Good Hope Centre

The Employee Wellness programme of the City of Cape Town took place during May. The theme was "Living your Life" The aim of the event was to raise awareness and promote employee wellness focusing on the health and well-being of the City Employees.

CAPFSA had a display of child safety materials which assisted City employees with information on how to keep their children safe.



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# Preventing Violence and Reducing its Impact: How Development Agencies Can Help

The WHO and the Violence Prevention Alliance are releasing a new document *Preventing violence and reducing its impact: how development agencies can help*. Violence has rarely been considered a development issue. Yet, it seriously hampers the development of low- and middle-income countries. Targeted towards officials from development assistance agencies, United Nations organizations, governments and nongovernmental organizations, the new document highlights how the health, psycho-social, and economic consequences of violence impede development. It urges increased attention to and investment in violence prevention.

Every year, more than 1.6 million people die because of violence. Of these deaths, 90% occur in low- and middle income countries. This document focuses on self-directed and interpersonal violence, since these two forms of violence account for 54% and 35% of the global death toll due to violence respectively, whereas war and other forms of collective violence make up 11%. By contrast, a review of development agency web sites and documents suggests that, while interpersonal violence is clearly on their agenda, it is given a lower priority than collective violence and self-directed violence is almost entirely absent. Recent WHO projections show that deaths due to interpersonal violence will rank among the 20 leading causes of death, going from the 22nd leading cause of death in 2004 to the 16th in 2030. During the same time period, self-inflicted injuries will rise from the 16th to the 12th leading cause of death.

The document identifies the gaps – and the many strengths – in current development agency violence prevention priorities and proposes a strengthened agenda for more effective violence prevention. This agenda is grounded in up-to-date research on violence prevention and on how violence hinders all aspects of development. It includes concrete recommendations based on scientifically credible interventions to prevent violence and reduce its consequences. It also puts forward concrete proposals to build up the institutional foundations necessary for violence prevention at both national and international levels.

This document is freely downloadable or can be obtained in hard copy. For further information please contact Dr Alex Butchart at [butcharta@who.int](mailto:butcharta@who.int) or Dr Christopher Mikton ([miktonc@who.int](mailto:miktonc@who.int))

For further information on violence prevention, visit:  
WHO violence prevention:

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/violence/en/](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/en/)

Violence Prevention Alliance:

<http://www.who.int/violenceprevention/en/index.html>

Global Campaign for Violence Prevention:

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/violence/global\\_campaign/en/index](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/global_campaign/en/index)

## 61st World Health Assembly adopts resolution on “Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol”

On 23 May, the 61st session of the World Health Assembly adopted an important resolution on “Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol”. This resolution calls for the development of a draft global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. This global strategy will be presented to the 2010 World Health Assembly.

Alcohol is a leading risk factor for death and disability in the world. During the debate, many governments stressed the important relationship between alcohol and interpersonal and self-directed violence and other unintentional injuries such as those resulting from road traffic collisions. Member States showed deep concern about the magnitude and complexity of alcohol-related harm worldwide and emphasized an urgent need for action to reduce its harmful effects.

Please find the final resolution attached. It will also be available on <http://www.who.int/gb/or/> soon.

To learn more about the relationship between alcohol and violence or injuries, please visit the following websites:

Facts on interpersonal violence and alcohol

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/violence/world\\_report/factsheets/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/world_report/factsheets/en/index.html)

Facts on road safety and alcohol

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/publications/road\\_traffic/world\\_report/alcohol\\_en.pdf](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/road_traffic/world_report/alcohol_en.pdf)

*Drinking and driving: a road safety manual for decision-makers and practitioners*

[http://www.who.int/roadsafety/projects/manuals/alcohol/drinking\\_driving.pdf](http://www.who.int/roadsafety/projects/manuals/alcohol/drinking_driving.pdf)

*Alcohol and injury in emergency departments*

[http://www.who.int/substance\\_abuse/publications/alcohol\\_injury\\_summary.pdf](http://www.who.int/substance_abuse/publications/alcohol_injury_summary.pdf)

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## SECOND INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MEDIA AWARDS Merida, Mexico *Growing Safely Poster Received Media Award*



Some of the recipients of Media Awards in Mexico

The Child Accident Prevention Foundation at the Red Cross Children's Hospital together with its partner The Department Health, Health Promotion, received an award for the Growing Safely Educational Poster.

Nelmarie du Toit received the Honourable Mention award on behalf of the Foundation and partners. The awards were handed over at the 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Merida, Mexico.

One hundred and fifty entries were received from countries around the world including Iran, South Africa, Brazil, Spain, Canada, USA, Kenya, New Zealand, Mexico, Botswana and the Republic of Mauritius. The entries were judged by an international panel. The Alaska Injury Prevention Center hosted the Second International Seguridad Media Awards in Mexico. The purpose of this competition was to recognize excellence in safety and injury



prevention messages and to share evaluation of the effectiveness of the messages.

For more information view <http://www.teachingstory.com/isma>

Many Children are injured and die daily in South Africa due to "accidental" injuries most of which can be prevented.

The aim of The GROWING SAFELY Poster is to improve public understanding of the developmental stages of

babies and small children less than 7 years in relation to the main risks of injury to each age group and to mobilise stakeholders across relevant sectors and, in particular, high risk communities to utilize this resource to educate young parents, grandparents and caregivers on the prevention of injuries to children

More than 10 000 A1 posters were printed and launched for distribution in August 2007 and are currently being distributed. This poster also appeared in the Cape Argus Newspaper as a "pin-up" Wall Chart during the "Child Safety Month" in August 2007.

Thank you to our partners and funders: Maureen McCrea Health Promotion Department of Health – Western Cape, Patricia de Villiers – Department of Health (WC) and Johnson & Johnson.

Posters are available from the Child Accident Prevention Foundation offices at the Red Cross Children's Hospital. Contact 021 6855208. Email: [capfsa@pgwc.gov.za](mailto:capfsa@pgwc.gov.za)

## 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

*Merida, Mexico, March 15-18, 2008*

The World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion is the platform for sharing the latest scientific knowledge on preventing violent and injury-related death and disability.

From 15-18 March, the 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion was held in Merida, Mexico.

The Conference was attended by more than 1100 participants such as leading researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and advocates. Participants shared information and experiences, discussed current approaches and planned next steps in data collection, policy development, services for victims and prevention.

The overall conference theme was globalization, and several presentations highlighted this. Other themes included: child abuse and maltreatment; youth violence; intimate partner violence; suicide and suicidal behaviour; workplace violence; child injuries;

road traffic injuries; occupational injuries; sports and recreational injuries; and car trauma injuries.

Child Safety and Child Injury Prevention was a prominent feature of this conference programme.

Prof Sebastain van As and Nelmarie du Toit from CAPFSA attended the conference and did the following presentations:

- *Data – Mining Child Trauma Surveillance Systems as part of Injury Prevention*
- *Dog Bites in Small Children, a Review*
- *Observational Survey of Safety Belt and Child Restraint Use – Cape Town – South Africa*

The World Conference with a focus on Injury Prevention is held every 2 years.



# NEWS REPORTS

## ROAD SAFETY

### Desmond Tutu: Millions are dying on the world's roads. It's time to act

This epidemic comes with a vaccine in the form of simple life-saving measures

Monday, 31 March 2008

Meeting today at the UN General Assembly in New York, the world's governments have an opportunity to start the fightback against one of the world's most destructive, yet least reported, health emergencies: the epidemic of death and injury being played out on the world's roads.

The scale of the crisis is not appreciated. In the 10 seconds it has taken you to read this far, another two people have been killed or injured by traffic. Each year, more than 1.2m lives are lost. Over 50m people are injured, many of them suffering long-term trauma and disability. And the numbers are going up.

Every road death is a human tragedy that leaves grief, shock and anger in its wake. To these costs can be added wider impacts. Lost productivity that comes with traffic injuries costs developing countries 1-2 per cent of GDP. Health systems are placed under immense stress. And for the poor, a road injury is often a one-way trip into poverty.

Following a push from groups like the Make Roads Safe campaign, the UN will vote on holding a first ever road safety summit. If the children, pedestrians and cyclists in developing countries who represent the vast majority of casualties had the vote there would be only one outcome.

Rich countries are now making real progress in cutting the human toll, putting in place more stringent traffic rules, designing safer roads, and protecting people from metal. Sadly, the casualty curve in developing countries is heading in the opposite direction. Road deaths are already comparable in scale to malaria and tuberculosis. For the 10 - 24 age group, they are the single biggest cause of mortality. The World Health Organisation projects an 80 per cent increase in death by 2020. Yet unlike malaria, road deaths do not generate global initiatives – they are absent from global agendas.

Africa has some of the world's most dangerous roads. There are two deaths for every 10,000 cars in the US, compared to over 190 in Uganda and Ethiopia. Many victims are children and poor farmers in rural areas far from emergency services.

But this epidemic is global. Traffic is a major source of death in Latin America; South Asia has the fastest growing casualty lists. In contrast to rich countries, where car occupants account for most victims, in developing countries it is people too poor to own a car bearing the brunt. Visit a trauma ward in Nairobi, Sao Paulo, or Manila, and more than one-in-every five beds will be occupied by a road traffic patient.

What is driving this carnage? Speeding cars, badly maintained roads, and roads designed for speed, rather than lowering pedestrian risk, play a part. Add to this lethal cocktail anarchy in the form of disregard for traffic rules and you have a perfect storm.

Aid donors are part of the problem. The G8 has pledged \$1.2bn for Africa's roads. We welcome this because roads are vital to poverty reduction and the development of market opportunities. But Africa needs safe roads. International norms dictate that 10 per cent of transport infrastructure spending should be for safety. The G8 has allocated just 1 per cent.

This is an epidemic with a vaccine that comes in the form of simple life-saving measures. Well-designed roads, speed limits, the enforcement of laws on crash helmets do not require rocket science.

Some developed countries are setting new safety standards transforming road safety by putting people first. Sweden has adopted a 'Vision Zero' programme. The aim: to design roads geared to minimise risk.

Many developing countries are also leading by example. Rwanda, has cut road deaths since 2000. When truck drivers enter from Kenya, they now have to adjust from 60km to a 40km speed limit. In Vietnam and Thailand, education and law enforcement on helmets has dramatically cut deaths. Bogota, has invested in walkways, cross points, and regulated public transport.

An international summit could build on these positive examples. The Make Roads Safe, campaign is calling for a \$300m action plan to help poor countries strengthen road safety. But we do not have to wait for an international summit to act. The stakes are rising by the day. Investing political capital and financial resources in safer roads today will prevent countless human tragedies, enhance public health, lift people out of poverty and boost economic growth tomorrow.

We desperately need a people-first transport policy for the 21st Century. The UN General Assembly has a chance to take us in that direction by voting for a road safety summit. Any other outcome would be indefensible.

*Desmond Tutu is Emeritus Archbishop of Cape Town and a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate*

**SOURCE:** <http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/>

### 24-hour traffic service to cut fatalities

Road safety organisations and rescue services have welcomed the Department of Community Safety's plan to create a 24-hour traffic service to reduce road fatalities by 5% each year.

In her budget speech yesterday, Finance MEC Lynne Brown announced that the provincial Department of Community Safety had been given an additional R112.9 million in this year's allocation to establish a 24-hour, seven-day traffic service to reduce road fatalities in the Western Cape.

According to the Department of Community Safety's Bambanani Safer Festive Season's summary report, released earlier this year, there was a 2.7% increase in road fatalities over the festive season.

Yesterday road safety organisations and rescue services reacted positively to the news of the Budget allocation.

Dr. Sebastian van As, who heads the Red Cross Children's Hospital's trauma unit, said considering that road accidents were the most common cause of death among children between the ages of one and 18 it was a good move.

Although he was not sure what the allocation entailed, he said it was a good start.

Dr. Cleeve Robertson of the province's Emergency Medical Services said it was important that short-term intervention took the form of competent law enforcement.

Gary Ronald of the Automotive Association said that the allocation was "brilliant".

"It is fantastic. It is the best news I have heard for a long time. It is a long time coming and it will contribute to reducing road fatalities."

He said the allocation was evidence that people were taking road fatalities seriously.

But Moira Winslow of Drive Alive was less enthusiastic about the allocation.

"You can have all the policemen that you like, but if they are going to be corrupt you are not going to get anywhere," said Winslow.

She said that with this approach it was very important that the traffic officers understood that their role in law enforcement was vital.

"If they can reduce the road carnage, then they can be paid better. It is no use having police on the road if they are not going to prosecute the offenders," said Winslow.

Overall, the Community Safety budget has increased by 11.13% to R228.194m.

**Source: Cape Argus, 5 February 2008.**

### Eight-year-old Free State girl killed by taxi

An eight-year-old Free State girl was killed on Thursday when she was hit by a taxi on the Meadows Road in Bloemfontein, police said.

Police spokesperson Captain Elsa Gerber said Palesa Morale was waiting on the side of the road with her nine-year-old nephew and another person for a bus to take them to school when she was hit by the taxi at about 7am.

"She sustained very serious head injuries and was taken to the Pelonomi hospital in a critical condition where she died about two hours later."

Gerber said the girl's nephew was severely traumatised by the accident.

Police said this was not the first time a child was injured along this road.

"This (has happened) after countless requests from the Bloemspruit police and residents of the area to the Mangaung Traffic department about the road and the way motorists and taxi drivers in particular contravene the speed limit on the road," a statement read.

"The road is dangerous and nobody seems to care. How many more children should die before something will be done?" Director Riana Paneras, station commander of the Bloemspruit police station, asked. – Sapa

**Source: Independent On Line**

## Tragic death of 12-year-old learner in bus accident is sad – MEC Dugmore

05/09/2008 WCED

Western Cape Education MEC Cameron Dugmore expressed his sadness upon hearing of the tragic death of a 12-year-old learner when a bus collapsed and crushed her body in an accident near Ceres today (Thursday 08 May).

The accident happened about 10h00 on Die Eike Road, near the Dennegeur Farm about 30km from Ceres. Of the 40 Die Eike V GK Primary School learners in the bus, two were trapped under the wreckage when the bus overturned on its way to the school.

Emergency and rescue personnel managed to retrieve a grade 8 learner Lilian Boer (13) who has been admitted to the local hospital together with the driver of the bus. As a precautionary measure, ten other learners were also admitted but discharged late in the afternoon.

However, grade 7 learner Clarissa Smit from the Dennegeur Farm tragically lost her life. Her family was immediately informed.

From initial reports from officials of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) it appears that the bus driver was trying to avert a head-on collision with an oncoming heavy vehicle.

Apparently the driver of the bus was also the caretaker of the school, and this will now also be the subject of a full-scale investigation. In terms of procedure, the SA Police Services also automatically opens a culpable homicide inquest docket. Said MEC Dugmore: "It is sad when a young child loses her life in such tragic circumstances. Our hearts go out to the friends and family of Clarissa. Naturally I want a full report of all the circumstances surrounding the accident and will take further appropriate action if necessary. In the meanwhile though, now is not the time to apportion blame but to concentrate all our efforts on giving support to the school and family. I also want to express my appreciation for the quick response and support provided by medical and rescue personnel, traffic services, the police and WCED officials when the accident occurred.

"The department has made the services of two District Office psychologists and other support personnel available and will continue to provide emotional support and counseling to all the learners, teachers and parents throughout this period."

For enquiries, contact Gert Witbooi: 082 528 8278, or [gwitbooi@pgwc.gov.za](mailto:gwitbooi@pgwc.gov.za).

**Source: <http://intrap.pgwc.gov.za/articles/>**

## Boy dies under lawnmower blades

By Caryn Dolley

Horrified primary school pupils in Atlantis watched helplessly as a Grade 6 classmate was knocked down by a tractor, pulled beneath the mower blades and died on Thursday.

Marlin George Snyders, 12, was on a Reigersdal Primary School field with other children during the morning break.

Gert Witbooi, spokesperson for Education MEC Cameron Dugmore, said other pupils had tried to warn Marlin that the tractor was approaching. "A number saw what happened and are traumatised. Some of them tried to shout to (Marlin) to get out of the way and for the tractor driver to stop, but neither seemed to notice. Marlin's parents were receiving counselling.

According to an initial report, Witbooi said, shortly after 10am, during the break, Marlin and other children made their way to the field. The machine ... isn't supposed to operate during breaks or when learners aren't in class. But the driver said he did not hear the bell (for the break) or see the learners coming out. He apparently reversed and (Marlin) was behind him. The boy's back was to the machine so he didn't see it coming." Investigations were continuing, Witbooi said. Dugmore is to visit Marlin's parents and the

school this morning to offer his condolences. I am deeply shocked at this unspeakable tragedy," he said.

Kenneth Duncan, a senior divisional manager for Metro EMS, said the rescue team had to use a crane to lift the tractor to reach Marlin's body

**Source: Independent on line. [www.iol.co.za](http://www.iol.co.za)**

## DROWNING

### Community outraged about drownings

By Bronwyn Gerretsen

The Illovo community on the South Coast is in distress. Seven people, including five children, have drowned in the Illovo River in the past two years – at places where river sand has been mined from beneath the feet of the thousands of locals who cross it daily.

The mining leaves huge holes in the river bed, which is otherwise shallow at the usual crossing point, and pedestrians get no warning of the danger. Locals are outraged and threatening to act against those who mine and to burn their excavators.

Children as young as five need to cross the river daily to get to school. Adults also cross to catch taxis to work on the other side. The mining also leaves "black, greasy water" which locals have to use for drinking, bathing and washing clothes.

Seven-year-old Ndumiso Maphumulo was the most recent drowning victim. He died about a month ago. It is believed he wanted to swim. However, an excavator had dug sand away, leaving the river deeper than he expected.

Ndumiso's mother, Scudla Maphumulo, said he had been in the care of his grandmother, while she had been at work. When she got out of the taxi after work she knew something was wrong.

"I just dropped what was in my hands and ran to the river. The kids said he had gone into the river but had not come up. Two of them jumped into the river to find him and, about an hour later, one of the boys came up from under the water with Ndumiso on his shoulders," she said.

"The community is angry. This is not the first child who has drowned... There are no signs telling the children to stay away from the river and there are no security guards to chase them away," said Maphumulo.

Relatives of children who have drowned in the river since the mining began about two years ago spoke of their heartache in burying the young children.

Lindani Mngoma, 35, said money meant more to the contractors than the children's lives.

One contractor, who asked not to be named, said they were not to blame for the drownings and that, while it was not their problem to deal with the community's issues, they could try to assist if locals petitioned against their mining.

He said he had spent R2 500 on a water tank for locals so they could have fresh water, adding that he was going about his business by the book.

Ward councillor Bheki Shange said he was not sure if the contractors were mining legally. "There are no signs where they are working, and no security guards to keep people away. They dig in one place and then they move somewhere else and dig there. The people don't know where it is not safe."

Nhlosoyezwe Hlengwa, chief of the KwaThoyana clan who live on the land, which is owned by the Ingonyama Trust, said he was "very angry" that his people were unable to cross the river safely.

"Some miners do not have all their documentation in order and so are not mining legally. Our problem is with the department of mineral affairs and energy because we are not sure what gives the miners the right to mine the land. They didn't come to us as land owners," he said.

Hlengwa said the safety and security of the mining areas was "not 100 percent" and the department had said it would consider building a bridge or road so that people could cross the river safely. However, this had not happened.

The Mercury was unable to get comment from the department despite several attempts to do so. We were eventually referred to Faith Nzimande, regional manager of mineral regulation, but were informed that she did not have time to reply immediately and would do so when able. After another week without response, Nzimande's, secretary referred The Mercury back to the department's head office.

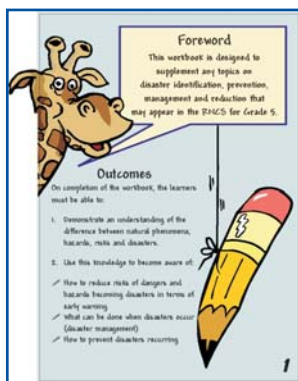
No comment was forthcoming at the time of going to print.

**Source: IOL**

## DISASTER RISK REDUCTION BEGINS AT SCHOOL: BASIC EDUCATION KIT

The Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC) together with the Department of Education, who is the implementing agent, will be launching the Basic Education Kit in four pilot schools (i.e. Masiphumelele, Kayamandi, Phola Park and Khayelitsha primary schools) to improve school safety by encouraging the application of resilient behaviour that can withstand any kind of natural hazard. The North West University, more specifically the Centre for Public Sector Management has initially developed this Kit to be implemented in the Tswane municipal area, which consists of the following:

- *Educators study guide;*
- *Learner's workbook [grades 5 (fire), 6 (floods) and 7 (compilation of an evacuation plan)];*
- *Song;*
- *A2 poster;*
- *Riskland board game;*
- *Riskland activity book; and*
- *Capacity building workshop for educators.*



### Training material for learners and educator's

The Kit will be used as resource material linked to the current school curriculum for social science, emergency medical services and life orientation sessions.

This project is funded by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (Development Fund).

Three task team meetings (i.e. 16 and 29 November 2007 and 18 January 2008) were held with all relevant stakeholders [i.e.



**Capacity building workshop for educators and task team members held on 16 February 2008 at the PDMC**

Provincial Disaster Management Centre, Department of Education, City of Cape Town (DRMC), Stellenbosch Municipality and the South African Weather Service] since November 2007. After the compilation of a project plan and role clarification document the committee decided to embark on a capacity building workshop for educators. This workshop took place on Saturday, 16 February 2008, at the PDMC and were attended by both the task team members, as well as the educators for grades 5, 6 and 7 in the following identified primary schools:

- *Ukhanyo (Masiphumelele);*
- *Ikhaya (Kayamandi);*
- *Bongolethu (Phola Park); and*
- *Masiphumelele (Khayelitsha).*

Disaster Management is everybody's business and it will require everybody's efforts to effectively deal with disasters and more importantly, to also be proactively, in preventing them from occurring. With all departments and municipalities supporting the ISDR (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) initiatives, this will contribute towards "Making the Western Cape a safe home and resilient community for all".

*Ms Jeanetta Groeneveld*

*Provincial Disaster Management Centre: Western Cape*

## The International Society for Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention (ISCAIP) meets in Mexico

***"Child Injury Prevention – Knowledge into Practice"***  
***Merida – Mexico – March 14, 2008***

The ISCAIP meeting has served as a significant network meeting for those interested in child injury prevention prior to the opening of the 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Merida Mexico in March 2008.

This meeting was open to ISCAIP members and Non-Members, researchers, practitioners and policy makers who were interested in child injury prevention. The theme of the meeting was ***"Child Injury Prevention – Knowledge into Practice"***.



Various challenges from global perspectives on child injury prevention were discussed and also challenges from a research perspective. Small group discussions focussed on key issues that present barriers to evidence based action for child injury prevention and management.

Nelmarie du Toit represented The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Southern Africa at this meeting.

## FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT



The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Southern Africa (CAPFSA), together with its partners will host the annual Conference of the International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention in Cape Town, from the 31st August to the 3rd September 2008, at the University of Cape Town.

In most countries around the world, health policies are increasingly recognizing prevention as the necessary and essential complement to effective cure and care of injured patients. Global programs on Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention have resulted in the foundation of the **International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention** during the 7th International Safety Conference in Vienna, Austria, 2004.

We are now delighted to celebrate and substantiate this achievement with the founding ISVIP Conference on Children and Injuries.

It is envisaged that this Conference will produce clear and founding guidelines regarding child injury prevention and violence prevention globally but also specific for Sub-Saharan Africa.

### Website:

<http://www.uct-cmc.co.za/Conferences/2008/ISVIP>



**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY**  
for Violence and Injury Prevention



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International Safe  
Communities



CAPFSA



Paraffin Safety Association  
Southern Africa

### Pre-Conference (PASASA) Paraffin Safety Seminar (31 August 2008)

The purpose of this seminar is to establish a network of practitioners, forge ties and alliances with other practitioner organizations and people involved in burns and ingestions, prevention and curative work, as well as children safety and community development organisation.

## CHILD SAFETY MONTH – AUGUST 2008

### WATCH THAT CHILD – “CHILD SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT”

During **CHILD SAFETY MONTH** the Child Accident Prevention Foundation (CAPFSA) and other stakeholders are set out to raise awareness and promote actions that would assist in reducing the unacceptably high rate of childhood injuries and deaths. With this health month, emphasis will be placed on developmental stages of children and types of injuries they are involved in.

Very young children are naturally curious. Children learn about the world by physically interacting with the things around them. They like to touch, feel, and explore. As a result of these characteristics, they are at high risk for accidents due to choking, drowning, road accidents, poisoning, and fires. In South Africa, trauma/injury is one of the leading causes of death for children. At the Red Cross Children's Hospital alone, between 7000 and 8000 children are treated annually in the trauma unit for injuries. Most of these injuries could have been prevented. The most dangerous place where childhood injuries occur are reported to be in and around the home or near roads.

**We as adults, caregivers and parents have to take responsibility and make sure that our children learn, play and grow up in a safe environment without the threat of being hurt.**

Various activities will take during the month.

**For more Information, safety tips and resources contact CAPFSA on Tel 021 6855208 or [capfsa@pgwc.gov.za](mailto:capfsa@pgwc.gov.za)**

The ultimate outcome is to come up with a joint advocacy programme and to jointly lobby government around establishing an education programme on household safety, increase resources to burns units, mandatory counselling services for fire and ingestion victims and related issues.

Burn units practitioners, health promoters, paediatricians, NGO's and CBO's involved in household energy safety issues, teachers, housing department, city emergency or disaster management personnel and other relevant people and organisations will be invited.

### Main Conference Tracks

The main themes will cover *Accidental* as well as *Non-accidental (Violent) Injuries*.

Subthemes will include:

#### Accidental Injuries: (Unintentional)

- Transport related injuries
- (Motor vehicle crashes, train, minibus, bicycle, pedestrian, passenger)
- Drowning
- Burns (Hot liquid and Fire burns)
- Poisoning (Paraffin, caustic injuries and other poisons)
- Falls (from heights, beds, playground equipment, mobiles, attendants' arms)
- Sport injuries (Cycling, Football, Rugby, Cricket, Roller skating)
- Injuries in transit to Schools and at Schools
- Role of Alcohol and Foetal Alcohol Syndrome

#### Non-accidental Injuries: (Intentional)

- Physical violence
- Sexual assault and rape
- Emotional violence
- Domestic violence
- Suicide
- School-related violence
- Bullying
- Children affected by wars
- Child soldiers
- Role of Alcohol and Foetal Alcohol Syndrome

#### Cross cutting all these topics will be descriptions of:

- Epidemiological and causal factors
  - Risk factors
  - Resilience factors
- Prevention interventions
- Policies, implementation and legislation
- Education
- Environmental factors

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## WHO Bulletin calls for papers on child injury and violence prevention

**The World Health Organization Bulletin will publish a special issue on Child Injuries, Violence and Disability in May 2009.**

If you wish to submit a paper for consideration, please send your manuscript with a covering letter (mentioning this call for papers) via the E-submission system on <http://submit.bwho.org>. Please be sure to read the Guidelines for Contributors. The deadline for submissions is 1 September 2008 and all manuscripts will go through the Bulletin's peer review process. To read the editorial on child injuries and violence in this month's Bulletin, visit <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/86/6/08-054767.pdf>

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/media/news/who\\_bulletin/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/media/news/who_bulletin/en/index.html)

CONFERENCES

2008

**Children and Injuries International Conference  
31 August – 3 September 2008  
Cape Town, South Africa**

For information:  
Nadine.vanrensburg@uct.ac.za  
www.uct-cmc.co.za/Conferences/2008/ISVIP/

**2nd European Conference on Injury Prevention  
& Safety Promotion  
October 9-10, 2008  
Paris, France**

http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/paris2008

**Safe Kids Worldwide Child Injury Prevention Conference**

October 15 to October 18, 2008, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.  
http://www.safekids.org/conference2008/

**17th International Safe Communities Conference  
Working together to make a difference  
20th – 23 October 2008  
Christchurch, New Zealand**

For further information visit: Conference pamphlet  
http://www.safecom2008.org.nz/  
email: contact@scfnz.org.nz or robyn.steel@ccc.govt.nz  
**Abstracts:** Submission deadline 1 May, 2008  
Call for Abstract and registration for Travelling Seminar 15-18 October

**2nd Asia Pacific Injury Prevention Conference  
3-6 November 2008, Hanoi, Vietnam**

For information: apacph\_injury2008@hsph.edu.vn  
http://apacph2008.org/  
www.meliahanoi.com

2009

**1st Eastern Mediterranean Regional Conference  
Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
Development and Safety – Together  
10-12 February 2009, Cairo, Egypt**

15 August 2008 Close of abstract submissions  
For information: http://www.emro.who.int/vip/ipsp

**18th International Conference on Safe Communities  
Community Safety Policies as an Axis for development  
August 13 – 15, 2009, Cali, Colombia**

For information: www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co

**5th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities (ARCSC)  
15-18 September 2009  
Beijing, China**

China Occupational Safety & Health Association (COSHA)

2010

**19th International Safe Communities Conference  
Sustainability of Safe Community Programs  
23-26 March, 2010, Suwon, Korea**

For information: jpcho@ajou.ac.kr



**Help Prevent Accidents**

**INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER**

Three good reasons why you as an individual or parent, school or organisation/company should become a member of **The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Southern Africa (CAPFSA)**

- Injuries are the biggest killer of children between the ages of 5 and 14 years
- Your membership will actively contribute towards preventing unnecessary, costly accidents in our country
- As a member you will be kept up to date on current issues and resources related to child safety

**LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Regular	Annual	R60
Bronze	Annual	R500
Silver	2 Years	R5 000

CAPFSA has also devised a package for Honourable Membership, for those who wish to become Gold, Diamond or Disa Members of The Foundation. For further information contact CAPFSA.

- I would like to become a “Friend of the Foundation”  
Minimum R25
- I would like to become a member of the Foundation (includes newsletter)  
Regular  Bronze  Silver  Gold  Diamond  Disa
- I would like a years subscription to the “CAPFSA Reporter”  
R30 annually
- I would like to receive more information on the activities of the Foundation
- I would like to become a project sponsor, please contact me
- I would like to do voluntary work for the Foundation

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Membership gives you access to:

- CAPFSA’s statistical information on child injuries
- Automatic subscription to the Quarterly Newsletter – CAPFSA Reporter
- Certificate to confirm Membership
- Safety educational materials such as videos, leaflets and other materials at substantial discount
- Other benefits – safety leaflets and posters on request (When available)

**Return this information to The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Southern Africa, P.O. Box 791, Rondebosch, 7701 or capfsa@pgwc.gov.za**

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