



## KEEP YOUR CANDLE SAFE CANDLE IN A JAR FOR SAFETY

Power outage in our homes is something that we do not want, but something that we have no control over. However, something can be done about the circumstances in which we find ourselves, to keep our homes safe, and free from worry of fire.

The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of SA (CAPFSA) at the Red Cross Children's Hospital encourages that as people resort to candles as a source of light, candles use should be made safer. A number of fires have been reported that were started by a fallen candle, and this has led to unnecessary deaths, suffering, with children as victims, and huge financial losses due to fire.

One way in which candles can be used more safely is to place a candle cut in half, in a recycled large glass jar one third filled with dry sand. The sand will act as a fire extinguisher if the jar containing a lighted candle is knocked over. The sand also holds the candle upright, and the reflective surfaces of the glass jar increases the efficiency of the candlelight. The top of the candle must be lower than the top of the jar – the flame should not be exposed.

The advantage of using this idea is that it places no financial burden on families – it cost nothing to set up. The glass jar is recycled from household use. The sand is the sandy soil, which surrounds many homes especially on the Cape Flats.



1. Place dry sand and candle in a jar.



2. Light candle with another candle.



3. Candle flame should not burn higher than bottle.

4. Place candle on safe stable surface.



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# IS THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN OUR PARKS SAFE?

## Playgrounds Could Solve Our Problems With Maths Skills

The safety of playground equipment and the role of playground equipment in parks have recently come under discussion.

The Western Cape Branch of the Institute of Environment and Recreation Management (IERM) which has as its members Western Cape Municipalities, organised a workshop to scrutinise the safety of play parks and the advantages of providing quality playground equipment.

Ms Nelmarie du Toit of the Child Accident Prevention Unit at the Red Cross Children's Hospital presented statistics about injuries resulting from playground equipment. She reported that playground injuries are common and serious.

She went on to explain that high risk playground injuries include fall injuries from jungle gyms, swings and slides. Impact injuries are caused by moving swings and other children. Strangulation is caused by drawstring entanglements, ropes, bike helmets, and scarves. Injuries vary from cuts and lacerations, fractures, abrasions and strangulation.

The five year review on falls from playground equipment undertaken by the Red Cross Children's Hospital, indicates 1 405 injuries of which almost 60% of falls occurred in a public place. It was also indicated that most playgrounds have a hard tarred surface beneath equipment. Of the children injured 32% are between 1 and 4 years, and 53% between 5-9 years. 41% of the injuries were fractures.

Not all the children, of the 13 children that are on average injured per month on public play equipment, are injured in City parks, but this certainly provides a red light on especially playground equipment design and the types of surfaces underneath equipment. In future this might be monitored for more accurate feedback to the City.

Ms Du Toit, and Ms Van Niekerk, an occupational therapist, emphasised that playgrounds should be safe environments for children which they can enjoy and where they can explore, test their skills and meet other children.

Ms Van Niekerk then explained that playground play is critical for the development of a child and even contributes to maths skills when a child goes to school. Playgrounds need to provide various

opportunities for children to climb, hang and swing in different directions and planes.

It was therefore concluded that municipalities should be serious about the safety, variety and quality of the play equipment that they provide. This is what could be called an "essential service" in building our nation!

City Parks recently completed a play park in Sea Point with synthetic mat surfaces to reduce the impact of falls and injuries from using playground equipment, and another two parks are in the process of being developed.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Child Accident Prevention Foundation, as a token, a cheque was handed to the Foundation by the IERM WC Chairperson, Chantal Hanslo.



The IERM provides a network of professionals that assist with the exchange of information to improve the quality of service delivery to ratepayers and visitors.

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## 2008 – Child Safety Training Courses

CAPFSA runs a variety of Training Courses to equip people from the community on how to prevent accidents to children under the age of 18 years. Individuals targeted include parents, domestic workers, community health workers, pre-and school teachers, social workers, and many more. When participants complete the course, we motivate and encourage them to use the information in their work and/or home environment and to educate others on accident prevention.

The following are some of the courses that will be held during the year 2008:

### A. Health & Safety Course (3 Days = 20 Hours)

**DATES: 23, 24 & 25 APRIL 2008**

#### **COURSE CONTENT:**

This course will include theory on injury prevention & safety vs developmental stages. Health & Safety Plan, relevant legislation, integrated management of childhood illnesses, community & family components. Identifying & referring child abuse. Principles & safety plans for safer day care settings. Emergency care for infants and children (Paediatric first aid) – 6 hours.

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Creche workers, day care staff, day mothers, child minders, or anyone responsible for the care of young children.

#### **COST:**

No cost. Subsidised course. Courses can be arranged on request for groups.

### B. Child Safety Course for Home Help Workers/Nannies (1½ Days = 13 Hours)

**DATES: 20 21 MAY 2008**

Depending on the demand more dates can be arranged during the second half of the year.

#### **COURSE CONTENT:**

This course will focus on practical ways to prevent different childhood injuries in and around the home such as: poisoning, drowning, choking, burns, suffocation, passenger safety and other general accidents.

The course also includes an infant and child emergency care course (paediatric first aid).

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Nannies / Domestic Workers / Child Minders / Individuals caring for small children at home are encouraged to attend.

#### **COST:**

R300 – Cost includes training course manual, certificates and catering.

### C. General Child Safety Course (3 Days = 19 Hours)

**DATES: 9, 10, 11 JULY 2008**

#### **COURSE CONTENT:**

This course focuses on all the issues around the prevention of childhood injuries. Issues discussed include: theory on injury prevention, road safety, poisoning, burns, drowning, general injuries and child abuse.

The course also includes a six-hour course on infant and child emergency care (paediatric first aid).

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Health & community workers, social workers, safety officers, teachers, workers from NGO, CBO's, emergency care professionals or any person working in the field related to child injury prevention or child health.

#### **COST:**

R500. Cost includes training course manual and notes, certificate and catering.

#### **VENUE OF COURSES:**

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### **Keep Your Candle Safe**

The following are some safety tips to consider when using a candle in a glass jar with sand:

- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Always supervise children near fire/flame/candle.
- Place your candle jar on a sturdy, uncluttered surface away from the edges and any place where it could be knocked over by children.
- Light the candle carefully ensuring that you do not burn yourself. If you find it difficult to light the candle in the jar – use the other half candle to facilitate this.
- Extinguish all candles when you leave the house or go to sleep.
- Never leave young children unattended in a room with a candle.
- Always keep candles away from anything that can burn i.e. curtains, newspaper, clothing and hanging decorations.

- Place lighted candles away from windows or near doorways, where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with flame.

General care of candle in a glass jar:

- Always remove the wax from the sand/soil every time your candle is finished or burnt down.
- Ensure that you refill the glass jar with sand/soil with every change of candle to the level of 1/3 full.
- Should the glass start to get smoky, clean it as you are removing the wax.
- Only use half a candle in the glass jar.

Broken glass:

- Do take care of glass if it is broken.
- Collect any pieces of broken glass and dispose of them safely by wrapping in newspaper.
- Ensure that all the glass pieces are swept up to avoid cuts.

For more information contact Pumla Nyakaza or Nelmarie du Toit at Tel 021 6855208.

# NEWSPAPER REPORTS

## DROWNING

### Body of boy, 8, found in pool after he is reported missing

Police have opened an inquest docket after the discovery of the body of an eight-year-old Delft boy who is believed to have drowned in a pool of water off the Kuils River.

Police spokesperson Elliot Sinyangana said the boy had left his home with three other youngsters yesterday afternoon saying that he was off to swim at the pool.

“When he failed to return home the alarm was raised,” said Sinyangana.

The boy’s body was later discovered in a pool where he is believed to have drowned.

Sinyangana said they could not yet identify the boy.

**Source: Cape Times, Monday 4 February 2008**

### Teenager drowns in Knysna Lagoon

A teenager drowned in Knysna Lagoon at the weekend and a holidaymaker is believed to have drowned at a George resort.

In a busy two days the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) also had to save six crew when their crayfish boat capsized at Dassen Island.

Yesterday police spokesperson Malcolm Pojie said an angler had found the body of 13-year-old Lindokule Silimela at Knysna Lagoon. Pojie said it was believed a group of boys had wandered away from an event at Loerie Park sports complex and had taken the boat on the lagoon where it capsized. Three had managed to come ashore.

**Source: Cape Times, Monday 4 February 2008**

## FALLS

### Five-year-old boy dies after plunge from Joburg building

Johannesburg: A five-year-old boy died at the General Hospital here on Saturday after he fell from the eighth floor of a building in Berea, paramedics said yesterday.

“He died at about 7pm on Saturday night. The doctors mentioned severe head injuries” said Netcare 911 spokesperson Mark Stokoe.

“He was apparently left in the care of an older sibling while his mother was at work. The child landed on the roof of a parking area and rescue personnel pulled down part of a fence to gain access to him.”

Stokoe said the child suffered a severe head injury as well as other blunt trauma injuries, including a broken arm.

The child was transported to the General Hospital in a critical condition.

The accident happened on Saturday morning.

Police spokesperson Captain Bhkizizwe Mavundla could not immediately give details of the accident.

**Source: Cape Times, Monday 4 February 2008**

## DOG BITES

### Dogs maul toddler to death



A two-year-old Mitchells Plain boy was mauled to death outside his house by a pitbull and a Rottweiler yesterday.

Police spokesman Andre Traut said Liam Davids was playing with his friends in Alpine Park when a neighbour’s dogs escaped from their yard and attacked him.

His two brothers, aged six and four, witnessed the attack. The dogs’ owner was reportedly not present during the attack, but was later taken in for questioning. “It was standard procedure,” Traut said.

Traut said police were investigating a case of culpable homicide and were trying to establish whether anyone would be charged in connection with Liam’s death.

According to Traut, the dogs were in their owner’s secure yard but managed to escape.

The two dogs were removed by SPCA officials two hours later and, because they were considered a threat to the community, were put down.

Onlookers reportedly said that one of the dogs had the boy by the head during the attack and bit off part of his face.

Neighbours also reportedly threw stones at the dogs as they attempted to stop the attack.

However, the dogs continued to maul Liam for a few more minutes before they stopped.

Although Liam was still alive then, he later died at the scene.

**Source: Cape Argus, 8 February 2008.**

## FIREARMS – TOY GUNS

### Critics fire at bid to ban toy guns

Government plans to clamp down on toy guns, bows and arrows and knives, among other weapons, has drawn a mixed reaction, with some welcoming it as an attempt to divert attention from soaring crime.

Displaying toy guns, knives, bows and arrows, swords, daggers, blow pipes and other “non lethal weapons” in public will be a criminal offence if legislation proposed by the Department of Safety and Security – and now released for public comment – gets the green light.

The debate coincides with an incident in which a Lavender Hill man was allegedly shot and killed on Friday night in an encounter with Metro police based at Hillstar in Ottery, who claimed that what allegedly turned out to be a toy gun “looked real”.

In reaction to the proposed law yesterday, Judy Bassingthwaighte, director of Gun Free South Africa, said her organisation welcomed any interventions aimed at reducing crime.

“We have spoken numerous times about toy guns that have been used to commit crimes,” she said, adding: “It’s one thing to say something and another to enforce it effectively.”

But political parties dismissed the proposals as an attempt to divert attention away from serious crime.

ID safety and security spokesman Hanif Hoosen said the proposal would not make a huge difference to fighting crime.

“The minister should stop making superficial plans. Instead, he should heed calls by the president to summon a national crime summit involving civil society, business and government to find a lasting solution to the high levels of crime,” said Hoosen, adding: “Not every person carrying a weapon is a criminal.”

DA Safety and Security Spokeswoman Dianne Kohler-Barnard said: “Having, against extensive public resistance, introduced the utterly unworkable firearms Control Act, the minister’s latest suggestions to extend the powers of the Dangerous Weapons Act may well be viewed not as a means to deal with criminals but rather on disarming beleaguered law-abiding citizens.”

However, Safety and Security Minister Charles Nqakula’s spokesman, Trevor Bloem, said the intention was to prohibit people not from possessing non-lethal weapons, but from brandishing them.

There were “examples of people carrying toy guns who have committed serious crimes”, he said.

“People should look at the bigger picture. What is in the interest of the greater society?”

The draft was aimed at improving safety. “People should feel safe,” Bloem said.

He added that there was much work to be done in refining the proposals and he urged the public to offer their thoughts and suggestions.

The public has three weeks to comment. Comments may be sent to [erasmus@saps.org.za](mailto:erasmus@saps.org.za)

**Source: Cape Argus, 25 February 2008**



## VIOLENCE

### Activists outraged by toddler’s death

The death of two-year-old Randolene Fortune, who was allegedly raped by a 30-year-old family friend, has prompted child rights organisations to slam the levels of violence in South Africa. Little Randolene died on her way to hospital.

Police are searching for the man, who appears to have fled the Valhalla Park area, as they investigate charges of murder and rape.

Randolene, who was being cared for by her aunt, had been taken away from home around 3pm on Thursday by the neighbour. Two hours later, he brought her home limp and wrapped in a towel.

He told her aunt that she had dirtied herself and that while he was cleaning her she went lame. The child was taken to Elsie’s River Day Hospital around 8pm but died minutes before her arrival.

Her mother Dionick, 19, was devastated. She said Randolene had turned two just last month.

Yesterday, child rights organisations spoke out in outrage over the death.

Child rights specialist Carol Bower said that South Africa was an extraordinarily violence society and that parents needed to think carefully how they were raising their children.

“She was very seriously physically damaged. The physical consequences that small children who are raped endure are horrible,” she said.

But she said the rape was not about sex. “While I can understand the anger from the family, it underlines that rape is about power and control. There can be no suggestion that she caused this. In general men who rape are trying to execute their lack of power and control. Children are weaker and less capable of defending themselves.”

The crime highlighted the need to look at how children were cared for in our society.

“Children of very young mothers are more vulnerable as they often have less of an idea of how to care for the children. The fact that we have children having children plays a big role in the vulnerability of our children.

“Without blaming, it is important to note that the pressures young mothers are under put them in situations where they are less capable of making choices.”

Sam Waterhouse, advocacy officer of the Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (RAPCAN), said the rape was outrageous, horrific and saddening.

“What concerns me is that this is not new to us. It is too regular. We see this over and over again.

“While I don’t blame the caregiver, we need to be more vigilant, pick up signs and take action on it. We need to intervene earlier and act on suspicions.”

The family, community, government and society in general needed to be proactive to avert these child deaths, he said.

The incident has evoked memories of the 2001 Tshepang case in which a nine-month-old baby was raped and sodomised.

**Source: Weekend Argus, 1 March 2008.**

## Paraffin Consumers have Rights Too

The Paraffin Safety Association is calling upon all household energy consumers to support the “Paraffin Consumer Rights” Campaign because it is, after all, everyone’s business. The campaign will begin on World Consumer Rights Day, 15th of March 2008, and continue right through to 1 June – the National Paraffin Safety Day. The campaign will be launched at the 2008 Consumer Rights Day Conference, “Consumer Rights and the Fight Against Poverty”, Sandton Convention Centre this Friday. The main thrust of the campaign will be to mobilise nationwide support for a call upon government to formulate and implement a Low Income Household Energy Safety Policy. The public will be called upon to show their support for the “Paraffin User’s Household Energy Summit Declaration” a document outlining a course of action to ensure paraffin consumer rights drafted by paraffin users at four summits nationwide in May and June 2007.



**Paraffin Safety Association**  
Southern Africa

The World Consumer Rights Day is a day set aside to focus on consumers rights which include having their basic needs met, the right to safety, a healthy environment, redress, consumer education. The South African Constitution, one of the finest in the world, outlines many human and consumer rights. Ch2. Section 24 states clearly that “Everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health and well-being...” Sadly, these consumer and constitutional rights are not enforced and consumers have every right to be dissatisfied at the lack of action by the responsible government departments.

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All consumers of household energy, by definition – all South Africans – are called to support this campaign because it affects them directly. Many South Africans are frankly annoyed right now about the fact that they do not have access to the electricity they took for granted to meet their household thermal and lighting needs.

Other consumers are in fear of losing their jobs as a result of the shortage of energy viz. mineworkers. The nation will have to get used to the idea that the pressure for households (and places of work) to cook and maintain comfortable indoor temperatures with an energy carrier other than national grid electricity is immense and unstoppable. Consumers must be able to use any form of energy safely to meet their needs. The Managing Director of the Paraffin Safety Association, Patrick Kulati says: “There is simply not enough electricity or Liquefied Petroleum Gas to go around. Every available energy source will have to be harnessed in a system of consumption that ensures consumer and human rights”. Suddenly it is not only the poor who will be called upon to make do with paraffin. Those who have always had electricity or grown dependent on it in recent years of rollout find they are now in the same boat as consumers who rely on open flame technology and who are usually from poor households. You want to be sure you can use it safely.

The Declaration, available from our offices or website, outlines the problems but goes on to call for specific action from all sectors of society, including households. The action has to be orchestrated by the Department of Minerals and Energy because it is within their mandate. The DME minister herself, Ms Buyelwa Sonjica, stated at the National Energy Summit that her department’s major responsibility is to deliver energy to all South Africans, ensuring affordability, reliability and accessibility. She went on to say that, “We are committed to making clean energy available to the poorest. We have to resolve the issues of paraffin and its safety.”

This campaign will include a series of press releases focusing on various aspects of the declaration and the current issue of household energy safety including:

- Government’s response to the Declaration.
- Consumers’ right to safe, appropriate packaging and labelling for paraffin.
- Progress made with paraffin appliance standards, enforcement of those standards and what the public should know about standards.
- The role paraffin can play as an Electricity Demand Side Management strategy.
- Energy surveillance and the evidence-based approach behind the declaration.
- General Household Energy and specific paraffin safety messages.

**Those wishing to support the “Paraffin Consumer Rights” Campaign can do so by:**

- Writing a letter of support to the Paraffin Safety Association (P O Box 2321, Clareinch, 7740)
- Email “support declaration” with your name to, [declaration@paraffinsafety.org](mailto:declaration@paraffinsafety.org)
- Fax 021-671-0233 – fax template available on our website ([www.paraffinsafety.org/paia](http://www.paraffinsafety.org/paia))
- Going online at [www.paraffinsafety.org](http://www.paraffinsafety.org)
- Signing a petition at any of the “Paraffin Consumer Rights” petition tables on Consumer Rights Day
- Support for the campaign will be delivered to the Parliamentary portfolio committees for minerals and energy and for health on National Paraffin Safety Day (June 01).

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### 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
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- 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
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## CONFERENCES

## 2008

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What will it take?*

**Conference dates**

The conference will be held on 2 - 4 June 2008.

- 2 June 2008: Workshops (information will be listed shortly on the web site)
- 3 & 4 June 2008: Conference

**Conference Venue**

Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town, South Africa

**Conference Themes**

- *Evidence for action and evidence of action:*  
Epidemiology, health informatics and policy choices
- *Health in context:*  
Environments, communities and people
- *Necessity and invention:*  
Novel approaches in primary health care

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**7th Nordic Safe Community Conference  
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**Children and Injuries International Conference**

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Child Abuse and Neglect  
September 7-10, 2008  
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Towards a Caring and Non-Violent Community: A Child's Perspective  
[www.ispcan.org/congress2008](http://www.ispcan.org/congress2008)

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

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

**17th International Safe Communities Conference**

**20th – 23 October 2008**

**Christchurch, New Zealand**

For further information visit:

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**Abstracts: Submission deadline 1 May, 2008**

**The 2nd Asia Pacific Injury Prevention Conf.** will be held in Ha Noi, Vietnam, 2-6th November, 2008 in conjunction with the conference of the **Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH)**. Information can be found at: <http://www.apacph2008.org>.

Abstracts are due by end May (see key dates below).

The program has a series of injury themes (see below) and also has room for suggestions or participants to develop special session.

**KEY DATES:**

- Deadline for submission of Abstracts: 30 May 2008
- Conference Registration: 30 June 2008
- Early bird registration: 30 July 2008
- Deadline for registration: 31 October 2008

**THEME SESSIONS**

- Development of policy and prevention of injury in Vietnam
- Injury in the Asia – Pacific region and in the world
- Injury in children and adolescents
- Road traffic injuries
- Occupational injuries and violence
- Effective interventional programs for injury prevention
- Communication promotion and capacity building for injury prevention.

## 2009

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

**Beijing, China**

China Occupational Safety & Health Association (COSHA)

## Early Childhood Development Practitioners Focus on Health and Safety in Pre-schools, Crèches and Educare Centres

Last year the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of SA (CAPFSA) trained 40 individuals from various ECD facilities – crèches and educare centres in various communities such as Wynberg, Lansdowne, Sybrand Park, Wetton, Claremont and Rondebosch.

The CAPFSA Health and Safety Course aims to meet the health and safety needs of children in various early childhood development facilities. After the course delegates are expected to implement information in the crèches and pre-schools that they work in and to meet the minimum criteria before receiving a certificate.

Twenty three Educare Educators met the minimum standards after assessment of their facilities and received their Health & Safety certificates during CAPFSA's Annual General Meeting. These educare



teachers who received their certificate completed their three day Health & Safety Training in May 2007 and August 2007 respectively.

Mr. Johan Minnie who was the guest speaker at the CAPFSA AGM together with Pumla Nyakaza from CAPFSA handed the certificates to the deserving candidates. These candidates after completing the course had to implement theory that they have learnt during the three days into practice by developing a Health & Safety Plan at various child care facilities where they work.

Congratulations to all these individuals.

**We would like to thank the Protea Sub-Council of the City of Cape Town for making funding available to do this training.**



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(CAPFSA)

# INVITATION

**Children and Injuries Conference**  
**31 August – 3 September 2008**  
**Cape Town**

## **THEMES:**

**Accidental Injuries in Children**  
**Violence against Children**

**Abstract submission deadline – 30 May 2008**

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