

~ Swimming Pools Legislation ~

Pool owners might have to shell out millions of rands if proposed legislation on pool safety becomes law. They could be forced either to fence the area around the pool or install a pool cover.

If they don't, they could be fined. And if a child drowns in an "illegal" pool, the homeowner could be charged with culpable homicide.

Municipal authorities could call on ordinary citizens – neighbours or friends – to report pools that don't comply with the rules.

A proposal has been sent to the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) to force all pool owners to fence off or net their pools.

Drafted by the South African Emergency Service Institute, the proposal comes in the wake of the shocking number of pool deaths in South Africa.

In Joburg, nine children have drowned in the past month – almost all in residential pools. Eight of those children were under five years of age.

The latest victim is seven-year-old Kefuoe Seakamela – a granddaughter of the Mandela family – who drowned in the pool at Sacred Heart College in Observatory this week.

She was found face down in the pool while taking part in a fun day to mark the end of the school year.

The family still have several questions, including whether one of three supervising teachers were in the pool at the time.

According to the ninth Annual Report of the National Injury Mortality Surveillance System released this year, the leading cause of non-transport-related deaths in the 0-14 age group is drowning.

The proposal was sent two weeks ago to the SABS, custodian of the National Building Regulations, which specify pool safety.



Currently, residential requirements stipulate that the pool must have restricted access for the public.

"A wall around the property will not safeguard a child in the house. There needs to be something more," says Marius Atterbury, a member of the South African Emergency Service Institute.

Their proposal is for the pool to have its own fence or cover, which will remain rigid if someone steps on it. In addition, they propose a splash alarm that will signal as soon as someone falls in.

"Most of the time there is a lapse from the time the child falls in to when they are discovered. This alarm will have an immediate effect."

Swimming SA's Learn to Swim manager Easlyn Young agrees that residential pools are the major problem with drownings, as authorities hardly have any control at someone's home pool.

She says Swimming SA are in talks with the Department of Education about the training of educators at schools regarding water safety.

The NGO *Swim Alive* focuses on water safety through teaching children emergency drill procedures and basic strokes.

Charlene Davies, founder of *Swim Alive*, says: "Every child has the right to learn a life-saving skill. Water does not discriminate. If you don't know how to swim, the results can be fatal.

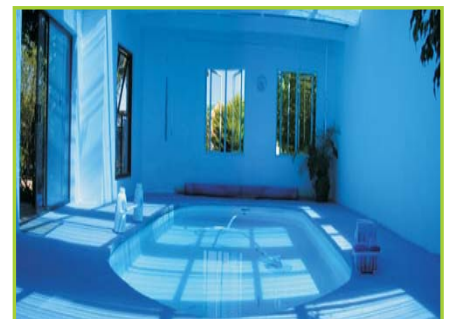
"Drowning is quick and quiet. While children from medium- to high-income families have the opportunity to learn how to swim, children from disadvantaged communities have little or no opportunity, and are not aware of the possible dangers in and around water."

She says that while *Swim South Africa* has the *Learn To Swim* initiative in Soweto, there are not enough pools, transport or funds for the organisation to support this project on its own.

Earlier this year, the Joburg Council, along with Joburg Emergency Management Services and *Swim South Africa*, launched the *Karabo Gwala* water safety programme in Soweto.

Young says the *Karabo Gwala* programme is going well and has developed a Soweto Swim Series, a monthly swimming event, which will culminate in the Soweto swim championship on December 16.

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SafePlay Surfaces Tackle Playground Injuries

Injuries resulting from falls on playgrounds, be they municipal, school or private are well-documented and commonplace. These occur on tar, gravel and on “grassed areas” that are bare and thus effectively as hard as concrete. Even common rubber mats do not alleviate “Critical Fall Height” dangers.

SafePlay Surfaces™, (SPS) www.safeplaysurfaces.co.za has introduced a “wetpour” rubberising system to the South African market that overcomes these hazards.

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The surfacing system that SafePlay Surfaces™ installs has been researched and legislated throughout Europe, America and Asia where it is commonly seen in municipal parks, resorts and school playgrounds. It comprises a lower shock-absorbing layer of recycled tyre granules (SBR rubber) and a top layer of colourful rubber granules (TPV rubber) specifically manufactured for traction, aesthetics and UV stability by the industry’s leading supplier, Rosehill Polymers of the UK. The granules are bound together with liquid polyurethane and “poured-in-place” whilst wet and the layer cures overnight. The surfacing can be installed over muddy or dusty areas as well as directly on tar or concrete.

SafePlay Surfaces™ has completed various installations throughout South

Africa in the last few months, transforming play areas into safe, colourful wonderlands for children. Says De Groot – “not only does the system address safety issues, it provides a new component to playtime in that the surface can have various colour-coded areas and inserts such as traffic signs, hopscotch etc – all rubberised”.

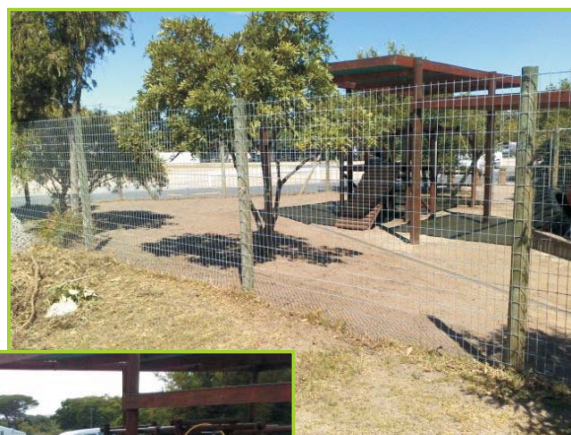
With the system installed, crèches, pre-primaries, clubs and schools can eliminate their unwanted sandy and muddy areas that harbour old sandwiches, used plasters, cat droppings and other biological hazards! The colourful non-slip surface allows water through it, ensuring usability

in the rainy season whilst overcoming Critical Fall Height and Head Injury Criteria.

SafePlay Surfaces™ has also recently announced a sponsorship arrangement whereby CAPFSA will receive “m2 credits” of the surfacing in relation to business SPS concludes with CAPFSA members. Pierre De Groot can be contacted on info@safeplaysurfaces.co.za

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Health and Safety Training Course for Early Childhood Development Centres (ECD'S)



Educare teachers who took part in the first Health and Safety Course in 2009.



Mr Rossouw (City of Cape Town: Fire & Rescue Services) giving a presentation.

The First Health & Safety training course for the year 2009 was held on the 11, 12 & 13 March 2009). Twenty-five Educare teachers who have crèches or day care centers from various areas of the Western Cape received the training. In this group we had ECD centre's that came from as far as Grabouw and fieldworkers from an NGO (Center for Early Childhood Development). The three-day training was held at the Johnson Hall at Red Cross Children's Hospital. The following centers were represented:

- Rainbow Educare – Grabouw
- Centre for Early Childhood development – Claremont
- Wesbank Educare – Kuilsriver
- Emmanuel Educare – Phillipi
- Landulwazi Educare – Grabouw
- Lukhanyo – Mfuleni
- Ubukhobakhe daycare – Khayelitsha
- Isiqalo Educare – Mfuleni
- Little Diamond Educare – Kuilsriver
- Teletubbies crèche – Fisantekraal
- Mzamomhle – Mfuleni
- Highbury Park Educare – Kuilsriver
- Little Rascals ECD Centre – Grassy Park
- Hope for the Children day care – Khayelitsha
- Sivenathi Licenced Home – Blackheath
- Jack & Jill Educare – Grabouw
- Busy Tots – Mfuleni
- Angels Only – Fisantekraal
- Siembamba Creche – Fisantekraal
- Barney & Friend Educare – Mandalay

- Teletubbies Pre-school – Wesbank
- Nonzame Educare – Phillipi

The following are course modules that were covered during the three-day training:

- **Health and Safety Plan**
- **Injury prevention linked with growth and development**
- **Relevant Legislation**
- **First Aid – Paediatric Emergency Care**
- **Identification and referral – suspected child abuse**
- **Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses – Community & Family Component**

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- **Ms Moefeeda Salie-Kagee from RAPCAN for facilitating Child Abuse session**
- **Sister Johanna Lucas for facilitating the IMCI session**

We would also like to thank Safe Kids Worldwide for making funding

available so that we can run this training.

For further enquiries on training courses do not hesitate to call Pumla Nyakaza at 021 6855208.

CONFERENCES

2009

9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

26-28 July, 2009, Melbourne, Australia.

The Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) and the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) are co-hosting the 9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. The theme of the conference will be Applying the science: an integrated approach, with an emphasis on translating new knowledge into practice by exploring links between forensic medicine, coroners' investigations, and the prevention of injury.

Abstracts can be submitted until 10 Nov. 2008.

Further information:

www.injuryprevention2009.com

18th International Conference on Safe Communities Community Safety Policies as an Axis for Development

13-15 August 2009, Cali, Colombia.

Download further information (in Spanish) from

<http://www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co/>

2010

19th International Safe Communities Conference – Sustainability of Safe Community Programs

23-26 March 2010, Suwon, Korea.

For information, contact jpcho@ajou.ac.kr

NEWS REPORTS

ROAD SAFETY

Tension in Du Noon

Tensions are rising in Du Noon after a child received head injuries when a speeding motorist knocked him down as he tried to cross the road.

Eyewitnesses said three-year-old Sihle Caji had fallen about half a metre from where he was hit by a car in Curry Street on New Year's Day.

Hundreds of irate residents surrounded the vehicle, bringing it to a halt, and forced the driver to take the boy to hospital while others barricaded the road with cement slabs and dug up the tarmac.

At the end of last year, more than 100 residents helped to dig four metre-deep trenches with picks and shovels in Mnandi Avenue after a string of accidents involving children.

While Mnandi Avenue has yet to be repaired, irate residents have vowed to continue digging up roads to protect the lives of their children.

Feziwe Caji, 18, Sihle's mother, was in the house preparing lunch for the family who had travelled from the Transkei to celebrate the New Year, when she suddenly heard the screeching of tyres.

Caji said that when she went outside to see what was happening, she had seen her son bleeding from the nose and mouth.

"A neighbour saw the car speeding and he yelled at the driver to stop as kids were playing in the road.

"He attempted to stop but it was too late as he had already run into my son," Caji said.

Residents had forced the driver to take Sihle to hospital, she said.

The driver took the injured boy and his mother to Somers Hospital, where he left them at the front door, she said.

Caji said they had not reported the matter to the police. Her child had been released from hospital the same day.

One of the irate residents of Du Noon, Nomaindia Mhlaba, said motorists speeded on the township's roads as if they were on the highway.

Mhlaba, who provided the cement slabs to barricade the road, said taxi drivers were angry that residents had dug up the tarmac.

She said the taxi drivers had demanded that residents remove the barricade.

When they tried to do it themselves, they were overpowered by outraged residents, who threatened to set their taxis on fire.

She added that they had asked the City of Cape Town countless times to construct speed humps but had received nothing but cold comfort.

"The only option we are left with is to dig ditches in the roads," she said.

City traffic spokesperson Merle Lourens said the speed humps issue had been referred to the city's transport and planning department and was "under investigation".

– West Cape News

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Fewer motorists buckling up, road safety survey finds

Johannesburg: Only four of every 10 car passengers in South Africa wear seatbelts, a new survey has found.

"The occupant, most likely to wear a belt is the driver," said the Automobile Association of SA which co-sponsored the study.

Spokesperson Rob Handfield-Jones said the results of the survey, conducted last month, were in line with those of a similar study three months earlier. The latest survey was done in six different provinces. It included minibus taxis and heavy vehicles. A total of 831 vehicles were inspected.

Handfield-Jones said the portion of drivers buckling up had declined from 64% in September to 56% in December.

"The total wearing rate for all occupants surveyed dropped from 56% to 40%, while the wearing rate for front passengers dropped from 41% to 30%, he said.

"Of the 628 taxis surveyed, only 11% of drivers were strapped in, and only 2% of their front and rear passengers."

About 20% of heavy vehicle drivers and 6% of their passengers were wearing seatbelts.

The pilot study found that police drivers were 4% less likely to be wearing their seatbelts than civilian drivers surveyed.

Source: Cape Times, 13 January 2009

Tyrebusts

Six of the 24 people killed on Western Cape roads this weekend were children – the youngest only one year old.

Thirty-five people were also injured in the accidents, almost all due to tyre bursts.

Provincial traffic spokesperson Xenophone Wentzel said four people, including a five-year-old child, were killed when the minibus taxi they were in overturned after a tyre burst on the R61 between Aberdeen and Beaufort West late on Sunday.

A one-year-old child and three other people were killed when the taxi they were in overturned on the same road earlier that day, he said.

Another three died later in the Beaufort West hospital. Six, including the driver, were in a critical condition in hospital.

Wentzel said the driver had lost control of

the vehicle after a rear tyre burst.

Wentzel said a 15-year-old boy was knocked over and killed by a car on the N2 outside Mossel Bay on Saturday when he ran across the highway chasing his ball.

On Saturday, 12 people, many of them on their way to a funeral, were killed in a two-vehicle crash near Wellington.

A Ford Bantam bakkie, with 10 occupants, who came from Grassy Park, Athlone and Bonteheuwel, were on their way to a funeral when a tyre burst and it swerved into oncoming traffic, colliding with a Honda Ballade carrying two adults and two children. Eight people in the bakkie, including the driver, and all the occupants of the Honda were killed.

In a separate accident early on Sunday, a Toyota Venture carrying nine passengers rolled after a tyre burst and the driver lost control on Black Hill Road, Glencairn. One woman was seriously injured.

A bakkie transporting 17 farmworkers overturned after its tyre burst on the Viljoenshoek Pass at Vyeboom yesterday. All 17 were taken to hospital.

Source: IOL

BURNS

Fire drives 40 from Freedom Farm homes

Forty informal settlement residents near Freedom Farm spent the night in the homes of their friends or relatives after their shelters were gutted by a fire at the weekend.

No one was injured in the blaze and its cause has not yet been established.

Yesterday, spokesperson for the city's Disaster Risk Management Centre, Wilfred Solomons-Johannes, said that shortly after midnight, nine shacks had been gutted in Woodlands Road near Freedom Park, leaving 30 adults and 10 children homeless.

He said Disaster Risk Management Centre members had provided affected residents with food parcels, blankets and materials for rebuilding their shacks.

Solomons-Johannes said they had been offered temporary accommodation in a nearby hall, but they had opted rather to stay with friends and family last night.

He urged residents to be careful when using open flames and to extinguish candles and put out lamps before going to sleep.

Firefighters also responded to a double-storey house burning in Macassar Road, Macassar, yesterday.

The Fire command and Control Centre said six vehicles had gone to help extinguish the blaze.

Firefighters also responded yesterday to a number of grass fires.

Source: Cape Times, 12 January 2009

DROWNINGS

Flash Floods

A 13-year-old girl has died after being swept away by flash floods in Meadowlands Zone 10 in Soweto.

Another six-year-old girl died at a bridge between Dube and Mofolo. A cyclist in his 30s was also reported missing in Mofolo.

This was as a result of flash floods that caused havoc in Soweto. In a stroke of luck, a family were saved from death.

Thursday's heavy downpour caused major traffic congestion during peak hour on most major routes in the township, with sporadic accidents compounding the mayhem.

Emergency services vehicles on the way to the accident scenes were also trapped in the gridlocks as motorists found it hard to give way, exacerbating the situation.

Johannesburg Emergency Management Services spokesperson Percy Morokane said the children, one aged nine and the other believed to be only 20 days old, went missing following the flash floods, which started around 4pm.

Morokane said most bridges in Soweto, including the ones between Roodepoort and Dobsonville, and those between Dube and Mofolo, were impassable.

Terrified passengers from several buses and minibus taxis trapped on low-level bridges tried to jump to safety, with some getting injured in the process.

At a bridge between Dube and Mofolo, a red Toyota was partially submerged in the water, with divers searching for victims and survivors.

"We just have to wait until the water subsides; it's very deep in there," said Captain Frans Langeveldt.

A few metres from the bridge stood a white car covered with mud and reeds, with its alarm still wailing. The driver was treated for shock after the car was trapped on the bridge for several minutes.

On the other side of the bridge stood a couple and their one-year-old son, still dazed after narrowly escaping death when their car got caught in the flood.

Petros Nene said he had been driving from Mofolo towards the family's home in Orlando East when the car was swept away.

"I never had the chance to brake as the water was too close to the car," Nene said.

"The engine switched off, and when the car started moving with the flood, I knew we were in trouble."

As the car was being swept away, Nene said he held his baby while he and his wife desperately clung to the vehicle.

It took the bravery of his wife Simlindile Khumalo to stop the car from being flooded further. With her outstretched hand she clung to an electricity pole, forcing the car to swing around and face the bridge.

"I jumped out of the car and grabbed my child as I helped my wife come out.

"The water level was shoulder high, but steadily we started walking out," Nene said.

Still visibly terrified but relieved, Khumalo said: "I just cried as my husband held the baby. I thought we were going to die, and all I could do was pray and pray."

Morokane said yesterday's flash flood was one of the most serious in recent times. He said the overflow at the bridge was partially exacerbated by people throwing rubbish into stormwater drains along rivers.

Source: IOL

Mother mourns her drowned son

Parents have been called on to exercise closer supervision of their children after an 8 year old Sobantu, Pietermaritzburg, child drowned in the Umsinduzi River at the weekend. Siphesihle Mabaso, a pupil at Russell Primary School, drowned on Saturday morning.

Sobbing and visibly distraught, his mother, Nonhlanhla Mabaso, said that Siphesihle had accompanied his friends who had crossed the river at low-lying bridge, Siphesihle was swept away by the strong current. "I can't describe the emotions that I am going through right now, especially as my son has not been recovered" she said.

Siphesihle's drowning comes less than a month after another child, John Mnyaka, drowned in the river a few kilometres away from the scene of this weekend's tragedy. John's body has not been found.

Police driver Jack Haskins, of the K9 police search unit, said that heavy rainfall had made the task of locating Siphesihle's body difficult. Haskins, who was joined by five other drivers and sniffer dog, said they had been alerted to the incident soon after it had happened, but that the water levels made the search difficult. "These are much higher levels than we had in the past" said Haskins. The divers are expected to resume the search on Monday morning.

Source: IOL

School drowning: 70 pupils in swimming class

There were only three teachers supervising a swimming class of 70 Grade One pupils when seven year old Akhona Mbhense drowned at the Bisley Primary School in Pietermaritzburg on Thursday, the second day of the first term. The ratio of pupils to supervise was more than 23 to 1. The teachers allegedly did not notice the child's body lying on the bottom of the pool until it was pointed out to them by shocked pupils.

On Monday education MEC Ina Cronje visited the school to offer her assurance that ongoing psychological counselling would be available to help pupils and teachers come to terms with the tragedy. After an hour closed meeting with the school's principal, Brian Killeen, Cronje made her way to the school hall where the pupils who had witnessed the drowning had gathered to meet her.

Questions surround the drowning

Despite repeated attempts by teachers and emergency rescue workers, Akhona was pronounced dead 45 minutes after being pulled from the water. Killeen told the media that he and the staff were completely devastated by Akhona's death, adding that this was the first accident in the school's history.

Encouraged

Cronje encouraged the children to talk about how they felt and not keep their fears or emotions bottled up. The department sent psychologists to speak to staff on Friday, and Cronje said they would be returning to school. Cronje said she could not divulge much information at this stage because of the police investigation into the drowning.

"I can reveal that the department is conducting its own internal investigation into the matter and we fully support the investigation by the SAPS" she said. Cronje said the department would be covering the little girl's funeral costs because the family could not afford the costs and it would also provide psychological counselling to the family." However, I warn all other schools to take the utmost care when conducting swimming lessons" she said.

Akhona's foster grandmother, Sarafina Mncwabe, said that she and Akhona's five year old sister were struggling to come to terms with her death. Mncwabe began fostering Akhona and her sister two years ago. They are like my own grandchildren, I still wake up thinking I am going to see her sweet face smiling back at me. "It is very hard to accept that she is gone" Mncwabe said.

Source: IOL

CRIME

Incidents of rape in KwaZulu

Incidents of rape in KwaZulu-Natal had more than quadrupled during the 2008 festive season since 2007, the provincial health department said.

Spokesperson Chris Maxon said rape cases were "very high" with 59 percent of them involving child victims.

In 2007, 75 rape cases had been reported in the province during the festive season and in 2008 this figure rose sharply to 437.

Other crimes had also risen considerably.

In 2007, 462 people had sustained stab wounds during the December holidays and this had more than doubled during the 2008 festive season.

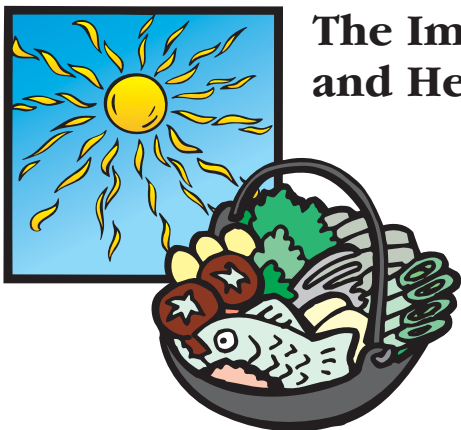
At least 101 people had sustained gunshot wounds and this figure rose to 205 in 2008.

Assaults had also more than quadrupled.

In 2007, 694 people were treated at hospitals for assault wounds and this figure increased to 3 131 this holiday season.

Those treated for injuries sustained in vehicle accidents had moved from 875 in December 2007 to 1 840 in December 2008.

- Sapa



The Impact of Climate Change on Food Security and Health in Southern Africa

Carbon emission levels have been recognised as a major factor in global climate change, and the impact has even been popularised by Hollywood blockbusters. But, what is of particular interest to ChildSafe, is the human impacts that the predicted environmental degradation will have on our children and their future.

According to the Energy Research Centre at UCT, "Climate change will have a great impact on Southern Africa." Two closely related topics, food security and health will be affected by the changes in many ways.

Poor people have always been dependent on weather and environmental conditions; only the wealthy minority of the world population has the privilege to prevent rain, cold droughts from disturbing their daily life. Africa is one of the most vulnerable continents to climate variability and change because of stresses and low adaptive capacity. The majority of the population on the continent are dependant on the weather for activities such as agriculture or fishing (and, of course, the balance of the population are dependent on their ability to produce foodstuffs). The degree of dependence is too great for the available capacity to deal with consequences of changing climate.

Therefore, agricultural production, prices and infrastructure will change, limiting the amount and quality of food produced. With inappropriate nutrition or too little food, health conditions of people are getting worse. Supplementary climate changes like increasing temperature, floods or droughts are threatening human physical and psychological circumstances.

Another threat is the possible increase of vector-borne diseases in some areas and researchers estimate a substantial extension – such as 16-28% increase in person-months of exposure to malaria in Africa by 2100. The effect of climate change on the HIV and AIDS is likely to "become more severe and widespread with warming temperatures".

Food security and health are closely related issues, as food for instance, has a direct impact on human health and the physical conditions of humans has a strong influence on their ability to work and earn money (and therefore also on their ability to feed and fend for their families).

Excerpts from the Journal of Energy in Southern Africa, Vol 19 No 4, "The impacts of climate change on food security and health in Southern Africa", Wlokas, HL: Energy Research Centre, University of Cape Town and the Free University, Berlin.



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Child Injury Prevention Month Activities

Child Accident Prevention – CAP month 2009

Our Country's National Health Calendar dedicates the Month of August to CAP which gives us the opportunity to . . . promote Child Safety in our area of influence. CAPFSA / CHILDSAFE promotes this local effort.

Gauteng in collaboration with our Head office in Cape Town is getting started now with this important campaign in various ways . . . first and foremost we have a Slogan co-ordinating all effort.

“Act Now” Help give our Children a Safer Future!

We can now start planning effectively how to – create the awareness of what leads children to build self-esteem towards Responsible Adulthood through some happiness as children with greater Adult understanding of the problems Children face daily.

Reduction of these problems will then take place through natural progression.

Leading to the implementation of Safety Measures through our daily walk of LOVE in all environments which children frequent.

Correcting Hazards – therefore preventing Emotional and / or Physical Harm.

Research – advocacy and education link . . . academia with the ground – helping us to make that difference in our communities, therefore stimulating adult

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WELCOME TO CHILDSAFE TEAM

Introduction to Teri Kruger



With several years' exposure to the work of CAPFSA and as a member of the organising committee of the 15th International Safe Communities Conference in 2006, Teri Kruger and her daughter, Tamara, are no strangers to ChildSafe. So, in order to further support the work of ChildSafe, Teri has stepped-in from January 2009 to assist with the organisation's operational direction, and, to complement the present staff capacity.

Recognised and awarded for her contribution to the energy and

environmental sectors, Teri has become known as a project leader both in South Africa and globally. With a diverse set of skills in a number of key industries and business sectors, her career choices have increasingly been influenced by the growing urgency to find sustainable solutions to pertinent socioeconomic and geopolitical issues, hence her focus on global climate change issues.

Her interest has also extended to the fields of injury prevention and fire risk mitigation having delivered several papers at international conferences and co-authored articles on sustainable development, fire & burns prevention as well as energy. Having obtained a BComm with UNISA, her professional experience ranges within Small Medium & Micro Enterprises; Private Public Partnerships (PPP); NGO's and, multi-national corporate environments.

Recent contracts include CEF (Pty) Ltd and the Department of Energy & Minerals; the official SADC regional project the GTZ / ProBEC, Programme for Basic Energy & Conservation; the collaborative partnership with the Association for Renewable Energy Cooking Appliances (AFRECA) – a division of the Sustainable

Energy Society Southern Africa (SESSA); The Paraffin Safety Association of Southern Africa (PASASA); UKUVUKA: Operation Firestop; The Wilderness Foundation; Woolworths; De Beers Marine; MoneyWEB and the Cycle Tour Trust.

As a keen environmentalist, her love of all things natural has led her to a career as a social entrepreneur with the founding of a business straddling the environmental and energy sectors. SYNERGETICS is a woman-owned enterprise development and consulting firm focused on mitigating global climate change and energy security through the promotion of sustainable stewardship and resource efficiency as a key imperative of cost reduction within private businesses and public organizations.

Climate change will impact on the daily lives of millions of people worldwide as our ability to provide food, avoid diseases, and recover from extreme weather events is severely impacted. This relates directly also to the types and frequency of injuries experienced as their propensity to malnutrition and income depletion creates additional burdens on a financial stressed populous. This is particularly of concern with low-income families.

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interest in, and concern for greater supervision of our CHILDREN.

To this end we have initiated Competitions in some schools in collaboration with their Life Orientation Department and the Occupational Health and Safety Committee in each School.

Stimulating Safety messages and Posters for use during August

WE would LOVE you to get started and look forward to your input and creativity via our Editor to stimulate others and give your Programme impetus.

Developing Safety as a Culture ... is no overnight process. Nevertheless with continuous penetration in various ways it starts working.

The awareness created during August

Introduction to Margie Tromp



Margie Tromp joined Childsafe as a consultant in December last year to assist with bookkeeping and financial matters. She worked at Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust as Financial Manager for many years where she gained most of her experience with finances and funder reporting. She recently started her own small consultancy business. Margie is happy to contribute to the worthwhile and hard work of Childsafe and appreciates the peaceful atmosphere and harmony in the office.

will become monthly, daily and hourly concerns!

CAP for our children deserves constructive planning by Adults in collaboration with Children from time to time – who amaze us with their interpretations! We welcome your input, letters, ideas and / or photographs for inclusion in our future Newsletters
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- Children are people one day old – 18 years.
- Community means every environment in which children find themselves.
- This Campaign is not only dedicated to schools.

Child Safety is simply no Accident!