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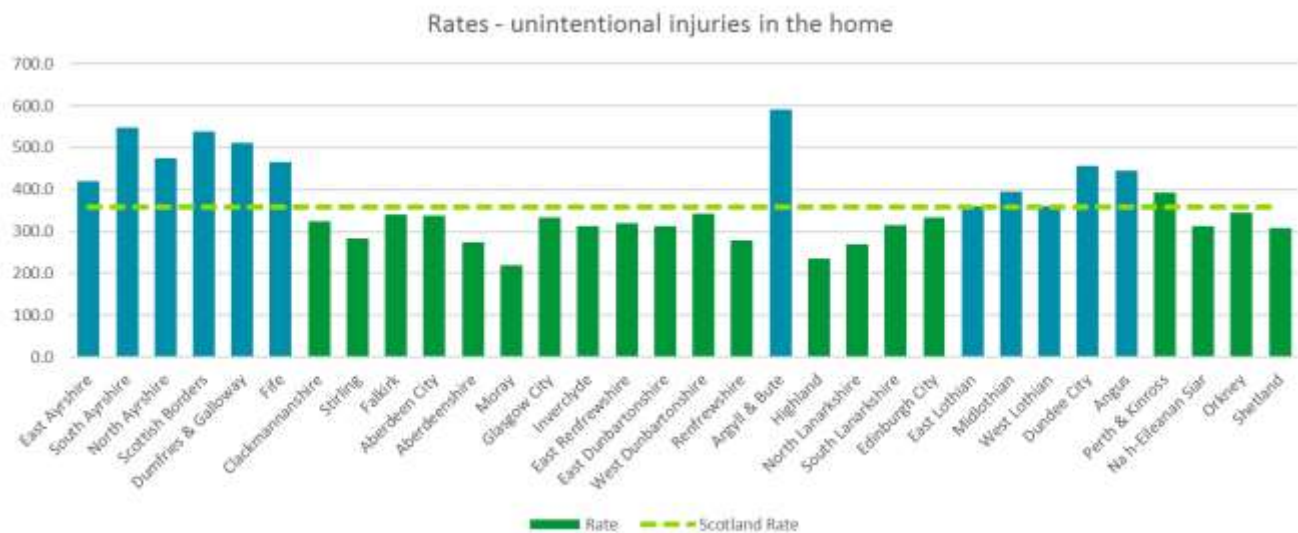
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Annual Activities Report: Community Safety Scotland

Our an Annual Activities Report which was highlighted in the last home word had a broken link. The report can now be accessed here: <https://www.rospa.com/RoSPAWeb/media/Documents/Home%20safety/annual-activities-report-18-19-community-safety.pdf> This snapshot report outlines the key activities of the Community Safety team and the work they have undertaken in the past financial year.

Injury Surveillance – New Report

RoSPA Scotland has released a second statistical report entitled “Bridging the gap: injury surveillance in Scotland’s Local Authorities”. The document is an analysis of currently available data focussing on home injury rates in Scotland. It focusses on hospital admission rates in the home only.



The report can be accessed online here:

<https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/media/Documents/Home%20safety/Bridging-the-gap-injury-surveillance-in-Scotlands-Local-Authorities.pdf>

Button Cell Batteries Report

An investigative report has been released by the Healthcare Safety investigation Branch. The report focuses on the deaths of a three year old child due to a button battery. The report includes a number of safety recommendations.



The report can be accessed online here: <https://www.hsib.org.uk/investigations-cases/undetected-button-battery-ingestion-children/final-report/>

Whirlpool

RoSPA welcomes Whirlpools decision to recall a number of tumble dryers. It is estimated that up to 800,000 unmodified tumblers dryers pose a potential fire risk in the UK.

The recall covers all models of vented and condensing tumble dryers produced between April 1, 2004 and September 30, 2015 and sold in the UK under the Hotpoint, Indesit, Creda, Proline and Swan brands. Consumers who think that they may have an affected model should call the Whirlpool helpline on 0800 151 0905, visit www.hotpointservice.co.uk/safety-notice or visit productrecall.campaign.gov.uk/

Lifejackets

The Causality Review Panel found that eleven people who drowned in the UK in 2018 could have survived if they had worn a life jacket. Full details can be viewed here:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/news/Pages/Drowning-deaths-hit-home-importance-of-lifejacket-wear.aspx>



Injuries reduced in Sure Start areas

A new report highlights that Sure Start drives a significant fall in injuries at every age, with the probability of an injury-related hospitalisation falling by around 17% at the younger ages and by 30% at ages 10 and 11. Read all about it here: <https://www.ifs.org.uk/publications/14139>

Avoidable Deaths stalled in Scotland

The British Medical Journal have released a new article which shows that avoidable deaths in the UK fell significantly in 2017 due to trends in England. Scotland had higher rates of avoidable deaths and failed to show in decreases with statistical significance.

Full report is available here (please note you need a subscription to view): <https://www.bmj.com/content/364/bmj.l860>

Consultations

- A consultation is open on the UNCRC and how a new act could incorporate the UNCRC into the law in Scotland. To read more or take part follow this link: <https://consult.gov.scot/children-and-families/uncrc/>
- The consultation on a Falls and Fracture Prevention Strategy for Scotland, 2019-2024, is now open and will close on Monday, August 12, 2019. It can be accessed here: <https://consult.gov.scot/health-and-social-care/falls-and-fracture-prevention-strategy/>



Did You Know?

- Children from deprived areas are 16 times more likely to suffer injury and death in house firesⁱ

Some useful links:

- Building Safer Communities Online Hub: <https://harmandinjuryhub.scot/about-us/>

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ⁱ Roberts I. Cause specific social class mortality differentials for child injury and poisoning in England and Wales. J Epidemiol Community Health. 1997;51(3):334-335).



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