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Welcome to Homeword 211. Staff at RoSPA continue to bring you up-to-date information about what is happening in the community safety world. Thank you for signing up to our newsletter and supporting us.

Scald prevention and first aid research

RoSPA, East Renfrewshire Council and Care of Burns in Scotland (COBIS) teamed up to research and explore the prevalence of scald injuries, and the current understanding of knowledge of scald prevention and first aid among parents in East Renfrewshire, Scotland. The research which took place in 2019 reinforces the high risk of scald injuries to children in the home and the need for ongoing preventative messaging and projects in this area. You can read the report online here: <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/home-safety/scald-prevention-and-first-aid.pdf>

RoSPA's second Home Safety Webinar

RoSPA Scotland is hosting a second home safety webinar on Tuesday 30th June at 11.00 am. Following the first webinar on child safety in the home (see <https://rospa.webex.com/recording/service/sites/rospa/recording/6d6d3ed03f064770938f1f766328d20a>) the next one will look at electrical safety in the home environment. The session will take approximately 20 minutes and will consider the everyday items that could potentially cause harm in your home but more importantly, will consider ways in which any injuries and damage can be avoided. Wayne Mackay of Electrical Safety First <https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/> will give a short presentation on some of the key issues to consider during the current pandemic restrictions and beyond. Both Wayne and Liz Lumsden of RoSPA will be able to answer any questions you may have on electrical safety in the home either during, or by email following, the webinar.

To register for this free webinar you will need to download Webex to your preferred device and register for the event at <https://rospa.webex.com/rospa/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7e7c85524a468fb93ee288af803b86bb>

Electrical Safety First annual conference

This year's conference is going ahead on 4th and 5th November but in a different format from usual. There are some free places available for this smaller event than has been seen in the past but still with very relevant speakers and discussions to be heard online. You can find out more information at: <https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/professional-resources/events/electrical-product-safety-conference-online-2020/>

Housing needs of older people

Thanks to Hannah at SCSN for highlighting the following article on the suitability (or not) of housing for older people <http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/older-people-reveal-housing-fears> . You can access the survey



results directly here: https://mcusercontent.com/479296d7e37b3f189c80c67f0/files/1e4b8b7d-173e-4214-986b-cd94322127f8/Age_Scotland_2020_National_Housing_Survey_Report.pdf

Will lockdown leave the next generation of retirees poorer and sicker than the last?

This is the question being posed by the Centre for Better Ageing who are calling for more support for the over 50s and a commitment from the government to improving the nation's health. This raises all kinds of issues around older people being fit and healthy enough to avoid falls and other accidents in the future. You can read the article here: <https://bit.ly/37Cq0dk>

Preventing Future Drowning Fatalities in Scotland

We released a blog on the published document by Water Safety Scotland on preventing future drowning fatalities in Scotland. The document, which was led by RoSPA, contrasts current Scots Law in relation to drowning fatalities with other countries such as England and Wales and suggests that there are three options to improve fatality data in Scotland. You can read the blog here: <https://www.rospace.com/lets-talk-about/2020/May/Preventing-Future-Drowning-Fatalities-in-Scotland>

National Home Safety Committee

The National Home Safety Committee met virtually on Wednesday 3rd June. Liz attended this meeting representing RoSPA in Scotland. Home Safety Scotland is also a member and was represented on the day by Hannah Dickson. The Minutes of the Meeting will be available in due course but information discussed included the concerns around the safety of electrical beauty products and the chargers that often go with them. There was also a really interesting presentation from the BBSA (British Blind and Shutter Association) looking at the myriad of excellent work that has been carried on this topic in recent years. However, there are still unsafe blinds out there and folks that are unaware of the risks as sadly children are still dying because of this preventable issue. A Blind Cord Safety Focus Group is being set up to consider the next steps.

Health & Social Care Learning System Webinars

The ihub's Transformational Redesign Unit is hosting a series of discussion sessions to explore how the health and social care system is responding and adapting in the context of COVID-19:

- Session 1: Community Led Approaches - COVID-19: Health and Social Care Learning in Scotland. Tuesday 23 June 2020, 13:00 - 14:00. Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-and-social-care-learning-system-webinar-community-led-approaches-tickets-107697879256>
- Session 2: Collaboration in the context of planning and commissioning for the health and well-being of communities. Tuesday 14 July 2020, 10:00 – 11:00. Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-and-social-care-learning-system-webinar-collaboration-tickets-107696316582>
- Session 3: Inclusion Tuesday 28 July 2020, 13:00 - 14:00. Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-and-social-care-learning-system-webinar-inclusion-tickets-107698914352>





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