

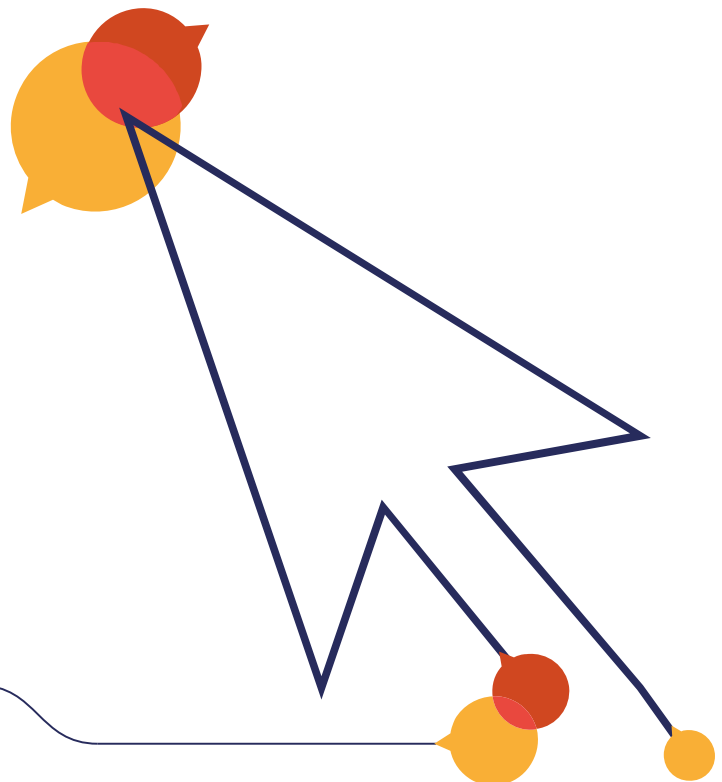


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Safe as Houses? seminars

Our first seminar in this series is now **full**. However, spaces are available on the second (Burns and Scalds) and third (Older People) seminars. Please see the webpage where further details are available: www.rospa.com/events/schedule/. We are delighted that **Stuart Watson** will be the keynote speaker at the Burns and Scalds event on April 25. Stuart has been Consultant Plastic Surgeon in the Burns Units in Glasgow since 1996. He has an international reputation for expertise in reconstructive surgery after burn injury and has been invited to speak and teach on that subject in many countries. Stuart is also the Lead Clinician for the Care of Burns in Scotland (COBIS) – National Clinical Network.

Free Carbon Monoxide Awareness Workshop in Edinburgh on May 16, 2018

The Gas Safe Charity is delivering a series of free carbon monoxide (CO) awareness workshops across the UK in 2018. They will be in Edinburgh on the morning of May 16. The workshops are aimed at staff and volunteers from ANY organisation that delivers their services in the homes of vulnerable people. Exposure to even low levels of carbon monoxide in someone's home has been linked to a greater risk of falling, as well as early signs of dementia. Click on the link <http://bit.ly/2E5HDqt> to get a booking form/find out more information or email thinkco@gassafecharity.org.uk to receive a booking form and/or information about e-learning. If you have any questions call Hilary on 07813 977798 or Simon on 07549 956376.

Alcohol and injuries

ScotPHO has recently produced the report: Hospital admissions, deaths and overall burden of disease attributable to alcohol consumption in Scotland. The document highlights that, of the adult patients hospitalised due to alcohol in 2015, more than one in four (27 per cent) were admitted for an unintentional injury. You can read more at www.scotpho.org.uk/media/1597/scotpho180201-bod-alcohol-scotland.pdf

Nappy sacks leaflets

We're now aware that 18 children have died due to suffocation on nappy sacks. You can find out more information about nappy sacks and keeping children safe at www.rospa.com/campaigns-fundraising/current/nappy-sacks

RoSPA in Scotland has free copies of the nappy sack leaflet for distribution, however, I am concerned that very few people have asked for copies to give out in their local area. **We'd be happy to accept your feedback on why this might be the case.** If you do wish to order copies please get in touch.



Safe children: together we've got this!

Child Safety Week runs from June 4 to 10 with the aim of reducing the numbers of Scottish children killed or seriously injured by accidents.

Around 40 per cent of (non-neonatal) deaths of Scottish children under 15 are a result of unintentional harm. We believe this number is far too high, especially when many of these serious accidents can be prevented through simple changes in family routines and behaviour.

This is why it is so beneficial to register for a FREE Child Safety Week pack. There's no obligation, it takes a few moments and it means you'll receive the latest information about the most serious accidents and the simple things families and carers can learn that help to prevent them as well as free downloads for use with families and children.

You can find out more about Child Safety Week, and the resources available, from the Child Accident Prevention Trust website www.capt.org.uk/Pages/Category/child-safety-week





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