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CDOP Newsletter



Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Board & Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board
Working together to safeguard children



Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

What is CDOP?

- It became a statutory function for Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) in 2008 (Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2010)
- It reviews all child deaths from 0-18 years of age anonymously
- Ensures professionals are available to rapidly respond to unexpected child deaths- to make enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the death & to support the family
- Identifies any modifiable factors or lessons learnt from local child deaths
- Main purpose is to prevent future child deaths

This newsletter features three articles relating to driving and car seat safety. To protect anonymity, national data has been used. CDOP have also identified the following modifiable factors when reviewing local deaths:

- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)- where smoking, co-sleeping, alcohol & drug use were noted
- Smoking- increased risk of premature deliveries & SIDS
- Obesity- increased risk of premature deliveries/ obstetric complications
- Consanguinity
- Clinical care

Training- CDOP Training sessions are available for all health & social care professionals to provide more detailed information on the process & your role in the event of a child death

Who Sits on the Panel?

- Public Health
- Paediatricians
- Designated Safeguarding Children Doctor & Nurses
- Police
- Social care
- LSCB Business Managers
- Lay Member
- Child Death Review Nurse
- CDOP Manager

Modifiable factors -these may have contributed to the death & which by means of locally or nationally achievable interventions could be modified to reduce the risk of future child deaths

Luton Training Sessions Venue: Redgrave Gardens Children's Centre Time: 14.30-16.30	Bedford Training Sessions Venue: Elstow Medical Centre Time: 12.00-14.00
6 th June 2013	
11 th December 2013	16 th September 2013
	16 th December 2013
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www.bedfordshirelscb.org.uk

www.lutonlscb.org.uk

RoSPA Driveway Safety Campaign



RoSPA research shows that at least **26 children have been killed on, or near, the driveways of their home since 2001**. Eighteen of these accidents have occurred since 2007.

Tragically, in most of these cases, an adult member of the child's family, a neighbour or a visitor to the house was driving the vehicle.

The Facts

- Most (15) of the deaths occurred when a child was hit by a reversing vehicle
- In three cases, the vehicle rolled back after the handbrake

was accidentally released

- Most of the victims were toddlers aged between one and two; the rest were three to seven years old.

It is also important to remember that cars are not a safe place for children to play. Children should never be left alone inside a vehicle, even when the engine is switched off. Electric windows, choking and fire hazards in cars have all proved fatal to small children.

For further information, leaflets and posters on the campaign, please see www.rospace.com

Diabetes and Driving



The risk of hypoglycaemia is the main concern to safe driving and can occur in diabetes when treated with insulin or tablets. Many accidents caused by hypoglycaemia occur because drivers cease to recognise or continue to drive despite early warning symptoms of hypoglycaemia.

Drivers may need to inform the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) about their diabetes depending on how it is treated and the type of license they possess.

All insulin treated diabetics **must** inform the DVLA of their condition. They must check their blood sugar level 30 minutes before

their first journey of the day and check their blood sugar level every 2 hours on a long journey.

Drivers in Group 1 (car, motorcycle) whose diabetes is treated by tablet, diet or both, **do not** have to notify the DVLA of their condition if **they are free from complications**, such as, severe hypoglycaemia, reduced vision, circulatory problems or any condition which may affect driving.

However, drivers in group 2 (LGV/PCV) will need to notify the DVLA if they are on insulin or diabetes medication.

Please visit www.dvla.gov.uk for further information and medical forms or www.diabetes.ork.uk

Car Seat Safety

In the UK over 1200 children are killed or seriously injured travelling in cars each year. The law requires all children travelling in cars to use the correct seat restraint until they are either 135cm in height or reach 12 years of age (which ever comes first).

Important points to remember when considering car seats:

- Only EU seats & booster cushions can be used in the UK (Capital 'E' in a circle on the label)
- It is generally not advisable to buy a second hand car seat- unless it's known the seat has NOT been involved in an accident & the instruction manual is present

- Ensure the seat/ cushion is suitable for the age and weight of the child
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation, eg. The seat is facing the correct way, straps are adjusted to the height of the child
- Adjust the harness for a tight but comfortable fit for every journey
- Some shops provide free fittings or give demonstrations of installing car seats



For further information follow the links below:

[Child Car Seats : Carrying Children Safely](#)

[Child car seats: the law - GOV.UK](#)

****Check your knowledge by clicking the link:****

[Road safety quiz | Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)

Or visit- <http://capt.org.uk/get-involved/quizzes/road-safety-quiz>