

Minutes of the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

**Tuesday 1st May 2018
6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 2, the Scottish Parliament.**

Focus on: **Occupational Safety**

1. Welcome

Clare Adamson MSP (Convener) welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting the excellent turnout. She extended thanks to Vince Bowles of Health & Safety in Voluntary Sector Scotland (HaSiVSS) for securing funding for the evening's tea, coffee and shortbread.

Ms Adamson also drew members' attention to the available leaflets on new lobbying legislation & regulations, highlighting the fact that a quorate CPG meeting is exempt but that a non-quorate meeting now constitutes lobbying.

2. Present & Apologies:

Present: Emma Harper MSP and Stuart McMillan MSP were present throughout the meeting. Emma Harper has joined the CPG.

Karen McDonnell attended for RoSPA.

Apologies: Ms Adamson noted that this was a rescheduled meeting from March when the meeting had to be cancelled because of a late sitting of Parliament considering emergency legislation.

Jacqueline Tough: (HR/H&S Manager, St. Andrew's First Aid): was to speak on OSH of First Aid Volunteers at the last meeting but was unable to make this rescheduled date.

A full list of attendees and apologies will be circulated with the minutes. See Appendix A.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (17th January 2018-previously circulated)

a) Approved without amendment:

Proposed: James Dorman (St Andrew's First Aid)

Seconded: Scott Darroch (Gas Safe Register)

b) Matters arising:

Ms Adamson reported that she had chaired a very successful Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA) Conference in Parliament on 23rd April. She also led a workshop on preventative initiatives from which a new MSP member for the CPG Accident Prevention & Safety Awareness had been recruited – Maurice Corry MSP for West of Scotland.

4. Secretary's Report (tabled):

Karen McDonnell (RoSPA) highlighted a few aspects of the report, including membership. Sandra White MSP has joined the CPG. Members should also note the importance of being clear as to whether their membership is individual or as an organisational representative. Lobbying information is also in the report and the text of recent Parliamentary Motions lodged by Clare Adamson MSP. Offers to fund catering for CPG meetings are always welcome as there is no cost to membership of the CPG. The Secretary's Report is attached to these Minutes at Appendix B.

5. Headlines:

Karen highlighted the range of events included in Headlines and encouraged members to read about these and contribute information on events they know of. Headlines is attached as Appendix C.

Clare Adamson MSP noted and paid tribute to the Parliament's own "headline" regarding a rescue by Ivan McKee MSP who, over Easter, rescued a man who had fallen into a canal with his bicycle.

6. Occupational Safety Presentations:

a) Richard Park: HaSiVSS Co-Chair (*Health and Safety in Voluntary Sector Scotland*):

HaSiVSS and OSH (Occupational Safety & Health) in the Third / Voluntary Sector

Presentation available on RoSPA website:

<https://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group/>

b.) Tony Priest: (HaSiVSS Co-Chair):

"The Significant 7"

Presentation available on RoSPA website:

<https://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group/>

Tony highlighted the 7 most significant risks in providing services in the care sector and detailed the data collected and analysed from an on-line survey in respect of these.

c.) Neil Grace: (President: BOHS [British Occupational Hygiene Society]):

Breathe Freely Campaign

Presentation available on RoSPA website:

<https://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group/>

Neil highlighted deaths from respiratory disease contracted at work.

d.) John Brown: GMB Trade Union

John thanked BOHS and spoke passionately about the need for Trade Unions and employers to be much more active to prevent deaths from respiratory diseases. He noted that some 152 people per year are dying from cancer contracted through welding. John, himself contracted asthma from stainless steel welding. He noted that Health & Safety can be expensive and difficult to implement, especially for SMEs but it is a life and death issue and things **can** be different.

Emma Harper MSP commented that this issue would be brought to the attention of the CPG on Lung Health Care

e.) Emma Harper MSP (Member for South Scotland), Owen Fielding (Manager, Compass Brain Injury Specialists), Kieran Conchie (Young Ambassador, Compass Brain Injury Specialists):

Helmet Safety

Emma Harper MSP described work being done in South Scotland that was launched at Dumfries & Galloway Show last year. They have undertaken a survey of sheep farmers regarding wearing helmets when driving quad bikes as there is concern that the tendency is to not wear a helmet. Emma noted that there were some 1000 quad bike injuries per year and though not all are to do with lack of helmets; it is a very concerning issue. Efforts are being made to raise awareness and to look at data collection and obtaining more information on how accidents happen.

Owen Fielding underlined the link between what seems to be a culture amongst farmers against wearing helmets, general driving issues including quad bikes but wider and acquired brain injuries (ABI). Transportation is the leading cause of ABI and those who have suffered ABI are twice as likely to die early. ABI also has severe impact on tenant farmers as the likelihood of being able to return to work is low.

Compass is a rehab organisation but is keen to promote preventative approaches and to raise awareness. They also feel there is a need for legislation.

Kieran Conchie is 10 years old and spoke about being recently appointed as a young ambassador for Compass and how he is keen to help make young people aware of how important it is to wear a helmet. Kieran is a keen karter and young people in schools have asked him for helmets. Kieran has been able to help with this as Compass has been giving away helmets as part of its campaigning.

A lively questions and discussion session followed. Among the issues highlighted was the level of assaults on workers in the care sector and the consequent trauma experienced. Emma Harper agreed to raise this at the Health & Sport Committee. Clare Adamson noted that this is an issue also in the retail sector and that Daniel Johnson MSP has a Private Member's Bill seeking to address it.

Clare noted previous collaboration within the CPG on data collection and also thanked Kieran, particularly, for his work and contribution tonight in this, the Year of Young People.

Members also offered each other information and useful experience in response to a number of issues raised. Karen McDonnell (RoSPA) offered to have RoSPA's ATVs – Staying Safe leaflet circulated with the minutes. (Update: This document is attached but please note this was produced in 2013 specifically for an audience at the Highland Show and has not been reviewed recently as it is not part of the current ScORSA suite of resources.)

Clare closed the meeting noting that it had again been excellent with connections made, fruitful exchange and opportunities identified for joint working.

7. Date of next meeting: 5th June 2018- AGM.
Focus is on Child Safety as it is Child Safety Week.

Appendix A: Attendees and Apologies

MSPs

Clare Adamson MSP	Convenor
Emma Harper MSP	
Stuart McMillan MSP	

Attendees

Robert Atkinson	HWL
Brian Auld	Church of Scotland
Vince Bowles	Scottish Autism
Jean Brown	Aberlour
John Brown	GMB Trade Union
Kieran Connachie	Compass Brain Injury Specialists
Brian Connel	NWS
Douglas Connell	IOSH Scotland
Scott Darroch	Gas Safe Register
John Docherty	SNP Trade Union Group
Jim Dorman	St Andrews First Aid Training and Supplies Ltd
Owen Fielding	Compass Brain Injury Specialists
Neil Grace	BOHS
Bill Harley	Fife Safer Communities
Sheena Harper	RLSS (UK)
Lynn Hill	Fife Safer Communities
Kathy Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
Kenny Macdermid	RLSS (UK)
Karen McDonnell	RoSPA
Wendy McGarrity	Key
Martin McMahan	HSE
Neil McNicol	John McNicol & Co. (Electrical Engineers) Ltd.

Richard Park	Crossreach
Helen Pearson	BOHS
Tony Priest	HaSiVSS
Gregor Steele	SSERC

In attendance

Lis Bardell	Clare Adamson's office
Maddy Cancro	Clare Adamson's office

Apologies

Michael Avril	RNLI
Christopher Bell	SCOTS
Andy Cathro	Scotland Colleges H & S Development Network Group
Margaret Dekker	SCID
Sharon Fabre	Barnardo's
Gena Falconer	Highland Council
Gwyneth Heaney	REHIS
Fiona Hodgson	SNIPEF
Ruth Johnston	NHS Health Scotland
Elizabeth Lumsden	RoSPA (Secretariat to CPG)
Wayne Mackay	ESF
Carlene McAvoy	RoSPA
Lesley Nish	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
John Johnston	Technipfmc
Carol Raeburn	RNLI
Stuart Stevens	SFRS
Lisa Stewart	COBIS
Grant Taylor	SGN
Brian Topping	Safety Advocate
Liz Young	Napier University

Appendix B – Secretary’s Report

The Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

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Secretary’s Report

Members:

Children in Scotland have asked to be removed from the membership list due to “other pressing priorities”. BMJ Architects’ email kept bouncing back so I have also removed them from the membership list on the Scottish Parliament webpage. June Cairns of HSE has retired as has Andrew Fraser of Falkirk Council. Becs Miller has moved on and the new RNLI representative will be Carol Raeburn. Turner and Townsend have also joined the Group and their representative is Mr John Nelson. The Church of Scotland has also joined the Group with Mr Brian Auld as the representative. BAE Systems have joined with John Brown representing on this occasion. Following the January meeting on the topic of the safety of older people, Sandra White MSP and Convenor of the CPG on Older People, Age and Ageing, requested to join this CPG. Welcome to all new members.

Please Note: Members are welcomed from a variety of agencies and organisations as well as individual members who wish to attend but are not representing their employer. The Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee requires, however, that different forms of membership should be clarified so please double-check the website that you are happy with the way these are recorded. <http://www.parliament.scot/msps/accident-prevention.aspx>

Headlines Newsletter

Information on all events, conferences and any other accident prevention work carried out by members of the Group should be sent to the Secretary prior to the scheduled meetings in order that information can be highlighted appropriately in the Headlines Newsletter.

Meeting Refreshments: We now have an addition to the sponsorship list and I am delighted that we have received offers right up to and including March 2019!

Thanks to: Vince Bowles, HaSiVSS (May 18); Douglas Watt, Actavo (June 18); Allan Thomson, Central Training Services (November 18); Stuart Stevens, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, (January 2019) and; Douglas Connell, IOSH (March 2019).

Communications

Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016

On 12 March 2018 the [Lobbying \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) came into force. You will wish to make yourself aware of what this means for your cross-party group and any face-to-face interactions the secretariat and group members may have with MSPs, amongst others.

An [Information Leaflet](#) has been produced to provide a brief overview of the requirements of the Act. Further information can be found in the [Parliamentary Guidance](#) produced to accompany the Act.

There is a specific exemption in the Act for communications made in the course of a meeting of a cross-party group. The exemption only applies to communications made during meetings of a CPG at which there is a quorum. To be quorate, at least two MSPs who are members of the Group must attend. The usual rules relating to regulated lobbying apply to any activity outside of that (including before or after such meetings). This of course applies to secretariats which serve CPGs, who are still required to consider any conversations which take place outside of a quorate CPG meeting and make a judgement about whether they have lobbied, based on the 5 Key Steps.

If you have any questions about the requirements of the Act please contact the Lobbying Register Team via lobbying@parliament.scot or 0131 348 5408.

Motion re Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy

Lodged By: Clare Adamson

Date Lodged: 29/01/2018

Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy

That the Parliament notes that Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy is being launched on 31 January 2018 by Water Safety Scotland; understands that this new strategy aims to reduce the number of accidental drowning deaths in Scotland by 50% by 2026, reduce risk among the highest-risk populations, groups and communities and contribute to the reduction of water-related suicide, in response to the UK's Drowning Prevention Strategy; acknowledges that, on average, 50 people accidentally drown in Scotland each year, and a further 29 take their own lives; notes with concern that Scotland carries a disproportionate number of the UK's drowning deaths; commends the Royal Life Saving Society UK, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents for their work in producing the strategy;

appreciates the work of the many tireless campaigners, including Gillian Barclay, whose 18-year-old son, Cameron Lancaster, tragically died at Prestonhill Quarry in 2014; applauds the work of all the other contributors to the strategy, including members of Water Safety Scotland, and congratulates all organisations and individuals who work collaboratively to prevent drowning in Scotland.

Supported by: James Dornan, Ruth Maguire, Ash Denham, Rona Mackay, Joan McAlpine, John Mason, Clare Haughey, Bill Kidd, Richard Lyle, Gillian Martin, Andy Wightman, Jenny Gilruth, Sandra White, Fulton MacGregor, Ivan McKee, Alex Rowley, Emma Harper, David Torrance, Christine Grahame, Ben Macpherson, Tom Arthur

Motion re RoSPA's Family Safety Week

Motion Number: S5M-11715

Lodged By: Clare Adamson

Date Lodged: 18/04/2018

Title: RoSPA Family Safety Week

Motion Text:

That the Parliament notes that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accident's (RoSPA) Family Safety Week in 2018 will run from 23 to 27 April; is concerned at reports that accidents are the biggest cause of death of children and young people, with one child under five dying every week; understands that the week will launch in Dundee in partnership with the council and Home-Start, which are together seeking to raise awareness of some of the main causes of death and serious injury to children under five in their own homes; notes that these causes include poisoning, choking and falls, and commends the planned distribution to disadvantaged families with young children of Keeping Kids Safe packs, which contain advice, information and tools; congratulates RoSPA on its wider Brighter Beginnings Appeal, of which this initiative is part, and commends the continuing dedication of everyone working for family safety in Scotland.

Supported by: Ruth Maguire, Joan McAlpine, Ash Denham, Kenneth Gibson, John Mason, David Torrance, Bill Kidd, Sandra White, Richard Lyle, Fulton MacGregor

Elizabeth Lumsden,
Secretary

Appendix C – Headlines Newsletter

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HEADLINES

Thanks to those who contributed the following information:

Free Carbon Monoxide Awareness Workshop in Edinburgh 16 May

The Gas Safe Charity is delivering a series of **free** carbon monoxide (CO) awareness workshops across the UK in 2018. We will be in Edinburgh on the morning of the 16th May. 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.

From Simon Main, Gas Safe Charity



NEW YEAR, NEW HOME FOR HEALTHY WORKING LIVES

Healthy Working Lives has launched its new website, allowing businesses across Scotland to access personalised advice to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of their workforce.

The new home of health, safety and wellbeing, www.healthyworkinglives.scot is packed with interactive features and its fresh and concise new content structure will make it easier for businesses to find what they need, when they need it.

Steve Bell, Director of Health and Work at NHS Health Scotland said:

“We’re delighted to launch the new Healthy Working Lives website. One of the highlights is the ability for people to create a personalised health and safety action plan for their business. By answering 12 short questions, they will quickly discover their strengths and weaknesses in this area, after which a personalised action plan can be created. Our range of interactive forms, templates and worked examples will then help them to put the plan into action.

To get the most out of the website and save time during future visits, customers can also create an account, giving them access to exclusive features such as being able to book training courses”.

The website not only helps businesses with practical tasks– such as developing a health and safety policy or completing a return to work form - its simple guides on a range of topics also provide practical tips and advice on how to keep their workforces healthy and happy.

After all, good workplace health, safety and wellbeing practice isn’t just good for employees – it’s good for business too.

Take a tour of the new home of health, safety and wellbeing now!

You can also follow them on social media, Twitter: @NHS_HWL and their newly launched Facebook page @NHSHWL.

From Robert Atkinson, Healthy Working Lives

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Water Safety Scotland

Water Safety Scotland’s Drowning Prevention Strategy was successfully launched on the 31st January 2018 in Edinburgh. The launch was preceded by a media day on the 30th where members of WSS Strategy group met with various media reps to provide interviews including the BBC, STV, Local and National papers and various radio stations.

The launch of strategy was then celebrated that evening in a Parliamentary reception very kindly hosted by Clare Adams. The attendees were joined by The minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Annabel Ewing, who took the time to meet members of WSS and gave the opening speech.

The Strategy has been well received by the people of Scotland and has greatly increased enquiries and offers of assistance and help to meet our aims.

Thank you to all who supported the document, the launch and attended on the evening.



From Michael Avril, Chair Water Safety Scotland.

Shetland Play Convention

Saturday 9th June 2018, Registration 9.15 am, Start 9.45 am to 5.40 pm, LERWICK

WORKSHOPS: Fire Pits, Challenging Play, Theatre, Peep Learning together Programme, Play Talk Read and more!

SPEAKERS: Tim Gill: Rethinking Childhood; Henry Mathias: Care Inspectorate;

Play Scotland; Smart Play Network; LicketySpit; Nesting Primary School

Play Scotland Members £40

Non-members £50

Booking form available from events@playscotland.org

From Marguerite Hunter Blair, Play Scotland

Call for mandatory alcohol interlocks in vans, lorries and buses across the EU

- New report shows more than 5000 deaths a year in EU still caused by drink-driving
- Member States asked to increase enforcement and introduce rehabilitation programmes for drink-driving offenders

The EU should require alcohol interlocks to be fitted in all new professional vehicles and retrofitted to cars used by repeat drink-driving offenders. These are two of the main recommendations from the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC), authors of a new report looking at how to reduce the 5000 deaths still caused by drink-driving in the European Union each year.

In a major road safety package announced last month, the French government said all repeat drink-driving offenders would be required to install an alcohol interlock, an in-car breath testing device that prevents the vehicle from being started if the driver is over the limit. All coaches in France are already required to have the devices installed.

In September last year, Austria launched a national rehabilitation programme for drink-drivers that offers the option for drivers to install an interlock in order to get back behind the wheel before the full term of a driving ban has expired. Belgium, Denmark, Finland, The Netherlands, Poland and Sweden have introduced similar programmes as have the majority of US states.

ETSC says the programmes have proven to be one of the most effective measures for tackling repeat drink-driving offences and should be extended across the European Union.

In a review of vehicle safety regulation by the European Commission expected in May 2018, ETSC is calling for a standard electronic interface to be fitted to all new cars to make installation of an interlock easier when required by law. ETSC also says the devices should be fitted as standard on professional vehicles.

The report also highlights the progress made by EU countries including Estonia, Latvia and Denmark where deaths attributed to drink-driving have been dropping faster than other road deaths.

In Estonia, drink-driving deaths dropped by 90% over the last decade thanks in part to the highest level of alcohol roadside breath tests in the EU and introduction of a near zero tolerance (0.2 g/l) Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) limit for all drivers.

Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director of ETSC said:

“High levels of enforcement are critical to solving Europe’s drink-driving problem. And for those drivers who carry on getting behind the wheel after drinking, despite checks

and sanctions, alcohol interlocks are an important and effective way of getting people rehabilitated.

“It’s also crucial that drivers entrusted with professional vehicles carrying goods or passengers must never be allowed to get behind the wheel when they are over the limit. Many fleets across Europe are already using interlock devices, it’s time they were made a standard feature.”

Download the ETSC report at: <http://etsc.eu/progress-in-reducing-drink-driving-in-europe/>

From Andrew Fraser, Falkirk Council

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RoSPA’s Safe as Houses? Seminars

The first in this series of seminars was held on 15th March and thanks to Clare Adamson, MSP, for attending to open the event. Dr Kilbey of the Secret Lives of 4, 5 and 6 year olds also presented on the topic of children’s understanding of safety messages. All presentations are available on the RoSPA website at <https://www.rospace.com/events/past-events/safe-as-houses>

A further seminar on Burns and Scalds was held on 25th April and the final in the series will be on the topic of Older People’s Safety which will be held on 23rd May in Cambuslang. If you would like to attend this final seminar, please complete a booking form at <https://www.rospace.com/events/schedule>

From Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA

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LOcHER Project Update

LOcHER (Learning Occupational Health by Experiencing Risk) is an interactive approach to engage students, particularly those on vocational courses, and help them learn about health risk management. It encourages students to engage with Health & Safety, within their course unit, in inventive ways and through new approaches including making films, posters and PowerPoint presentations.

At the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety meeting in January 2017 Andy Cathro, Health & Safety Officer at Dundee & Angus College, presented on

LOcHER during which time he asked that the concept be shared. Since then there has been various launches throughout Scotland and on 7 March 2018 an event, hosted by Clare Adamson MSP, was held at the Burns room of the Scottish Parliament attended by 60 plus from a variety of industries.



Various members of the UK LOcHER Steering group presented at the event along with Simon Hewitt, Vice Principal Curriculum & Attainment Dundee & Angus College, who discussed the various transferable skill from using this approach and how the LOcHER project is a shining example of how all curriculum within Dundee & Angus College should be modelled. Students and Lecturers from Dundee & Angus College, who have undertaken a LOcHER project, displayed and discussed their work with those in attendance along with Monifieth High School Home Economics pupils, the first school in the UK to undertake a LOcHER project, who distributed 'safety' cakes. You only received a cake if you knew what the Health & Safety sign signified.

Further information on LOcHER can be found at <http://www.safetygroupsuk.org.uk/campaigns/locher/>

From Andy Cathro



Other RoSPA activities

RoSPA's **Family Safety Week** took place from 23 to 27 April. The majority of life-changing accidents happen in the home, so this year Family Safety Week concentrated on the little, simple things parents can do to give their child a brighter beginning and stop them becoming a statistic. Throughout the Week, the charity and its partners shared advice and information on household poisonings, choking, falls, and incidents that happen at bath time (such as drowning and scalds) and bedtime (such as strangulation). All this information is included in RoSPA's Keeping Kids Safe packs, which were launched, thanks to **Laura McDermott** of Dundee City Council, at Home Start in Dundee on the first day of Family Safety Week. The packs contain information and practical resources such as a height chart containing information on falls prevention, a cupboard lock, a room thermometer, a wash cloth with safety messages on it and a weaning spoon with advice on cutting food in to quarters to avoid choking. For further information on the packs contact the RoSPA office on 0131 449 9379.



From Elizabeth Lumsden, RoSPA

Carbon Monoxide initiative

The 'Be Aware' project was a project running in areas of North Glasgow. Thanks to funding from The Gas Distribution Networks' Carbon Monoxide Collaboration Fund and The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the project focussed on increasing awareness on the issue of carbon monoxide poisoning in the local area. RoSPA teamed up with **NG homes** to run this pilot project in anticipation of winter in order to ensure this life saving advice is available.

Tenants in Possilpark, Springburn, Parkhouse and Balornock received a 'Be Aware' resource, which aimed to raise awareness of the issue of Carbon Monoxide poisoning and bring them to the RoSPA website for further information. You can read the evaluation report at: <https://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/be-aware-project/>

Research into the prevalence of home accident prevention initiatives

Working in partnership with **Home Safety Scotland** and the **Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN)**, RoSPA surveyed views of local government in order to understand how home safety fits in local agendas. The recommendations from the survey suggested that:

- Local authorities should collaborate more on their home safety work and share ideas and best practice. With the existence of a forum already created (Home Safety Scotland), there is a clear need for the group to promote itself and gain new members from each of Scotland's 32 Local Authorities.
- Home safety needs to be promoted across Scotland nationally and locally. This could be achieved by the inclusion of home safety in Local Outcome Improvement Plans.
- National organisations and the Scottish Government need to carefully consider the barriers to home safety and accident prevention in order to help local authorities improve their work locally.
- A national framework and/or target should be considered and researched for Scotland to help reduce home accidents.

The finding from the survey can be seen at: <https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/home-safety/uk/home-safety-activity-in-scotland.pdf>

From Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA

