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The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the work of The Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire CDOP. CDOP are part of the Safeguarding Team in Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust. These newsletters are produced to bring news on the CDOP's intended campaigns and to describe recent safeguarding situations with good practice and opportunities for learning highlighted. Staff should read the alerts and take on board the recommendations for future practice.

Child Death Overview Panel Briefing:

The 5th to 11th June 2023 is Child Safety Week which is an Annual Community Education Programme run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT).

This year's theme: Safety Made Simple

Accidents often happen when there's a lot going on. So, accident prevention needs to be simple.

Simple changes for parents to stop the scariest accidents.

Simple ways for practitioners to get involved even when under pressure.

For families the parents pack offers simple changes that can fit into busy routines.

[Child-Safety-Week-Parents-Pack-Safety-Made-Simple.pdf \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

For practitioners there is a brand-new resource centre

[Free educational resources | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)



Who's most at risk?

- 80% of accidents in the under-five's age range are in the home
- Older children are at greater risk on the roads. Accidents peak at age 12 (Department for Transport, Facts on Child Casualties, 2015).

Children from the poorest families are more likely to be killed or seriously injured:

- Emergency hospital admission rates are 40% higher for children from the most deprived communities (Public Health England)
- Children from overcrowded homes are 3 times more likely to be injured in preventable accidents (Prevention of injuries to children and young people: the way ahead for the UK, Injury Prevention 1998; 4:S17-S25).
- Children living in the most deprived areas are 3 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured as a pedestrian and 6 times more likely as a cyclist (Deprivation and road traffic injury comparisons for 4-10 and 11-15 year olds, Journal of Transport and Health. Vol. 11. 2018).



At least two children a year have died as a result of swallowing lithium coin cell batteries in this country.

Use the links below to find out more.



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<https://youtu.be/aZl1kWWPZSk>

1 child under 5 dies every week* in England from an accident at home.