

Dear CHAPPIE members

Please find below important information on **3 consultations**, the General Product Safety Legislation (European) and the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Risk Reduction Plan and the proposed Domestic Fire Safety (Wales) Measure on Domestic Sprinklers. Further information below.

Also available to view are **2 new European documents** issued by the European Child Safety Alliance, these are the Child Safety Product Guide on Potentially Dangerous Products and the Guide to Child Safety Regulations and Standards in Europe. Please see below for further information.

Finally, Children in Wales is conducting a survey on **Home Safety Equipment Schemes** across Wales. The aim of this survey is to map what exists in each local authority area. Once completed, this information can be used as a reference point for practitioners, allowing them to share good practice, challenges and implementation ideas directly. Please see below for further information.

Home Safety Equipment Scheme National Survey (HSS Survey)

The majority of accidents involving children happen within the home. Research shows that the provision and fitting of home safety equipment is effective in reducing injuries from home accidents. Children in Wales are surveying all 22 local authorities in Wales to identify where child safety schemes exist, what equipment they are providing and how they are implemented. The results of the survey will be used to inform good practice, gaps in provision and knowledge, effectiveness, future work and to enable practitioners to share experience and challenges with each other.

You can find more information about the project and the survey questionnaire on our website. If you have a scheme or know of one in your area and have not already been contacted by Children in Wales, [please visit our website](#).

Consultation on the General Product Safety Legislative Initiative- DEADLINE 29 JULY

Members of the European Child Safety Alliance (ECSA) have been asked to comment and respond to the Consultation on the General Product Safety Legislative Initiative. As a steering group member of ECSA, I will be sending a response on behalf of Children in Wales and I would also like to send a response on behalf of the CHAPPIE network.

To assist with the preparation of your responses, we have been kindly provided with material from ANEC that summarises key issues and perspectives in their position paper as well as a copy of their model responses

to the questions posed in the consultation process. You are encouraged to use this material and add your own concerns and issues as further examples.

I have attached 2 documents, ANEC model answers and GPSD key issues for your information. A full copy of the General Product Safety Directive can be found via the following link. Please add your comments to the word document 'ANEC Model Answers'.

http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/safety/prod_legis/GPSD_consultation/index_en.htm

If you are unable to view the attached documents, we have put them onto our website under the following links:

- [General Product Safety Directive Key Issues](#)
- [ANEC Model Answers](#)

Responses and comments should be forwarded to me by 29th July. This will enable me to collate all responses in time for 30th July deadline. I appreciate that this is a short time limit, but would welcome your comments.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Risk Reduction Plan Consultation- DEADLINE 27 AUGUST

I will be collating a response on behalf of CHAPPIE to this document. To allow time for this collation, please forward your comments to me by 27 August.

The Risk Reduction Plan is applicable to areas serviced by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service only and a full copy of the plan is available via the link below. The document explains how South Wales Fire and Rescue Service is planning to deliver the vital services to communities here in South Wales, and what their priorities are for the financial year, 2011-12. Formal consultation on the Risk Reduction Plan for 2011-12 commenced on the 11th June 2010 and will run for 12 week period.

The Plan is available via the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Internet Site on the "South Wales Fire and Rescue Service announce Risk Reduction Plan draft 2011 – 2012" page ([Click this link to view the page on the SWFRS Website](#)).

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service have included a Risk Reduction Plan Consultation Survey. They invite you to consider both the improvement objectives and the project proposals and provide them with your opinion on their value and importance.

Fire sprinklers in new homes? – have your say - DEADLINE 3 SEPTEMBER

A cross-party committee of Assembly Members has begun scrutinising a proposed new law that, if passed, will mean water sprinklers will become standard in new homes. The proposed Domestic Fire Safety (Wales) Measure will for the first time compel house builders to fit automatic sprinklers into new homes built in Wales.

It was introduced as a backbench Measure by Vale of Clwyd AM Ann Jones and will now be scrutinised by the National Assembly for Wales Legislation Committee No.1. Now the Committee wants to hear views from members of the public and interested groups.

“House fires on average cause the death of around 18 people in Wales every year,” said Committee Chair, Rosemary Butler AM.

“The committee’s job is to look at the proposal, in depth, and ensure that it is a good and workable law. In order to do that we want to hear from as many interested parties as possible to see what they make of the proposal. “So my message today is, please contact the National Assembly for Wales and let us know what you think.”

To take part in the consultation send your views to:

Legislationoffice@wales.gov.uk, Or write to Liz Wilkinson, Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA
Alternatively, I will be collating a response on behalf of the CHAPPIE network and would welcome responses towards this. If you would prefer to take part in a national response, please send you comments to

karen.mcfarlane@childreninwales.org.uk

For further information visit the [committee’s website](#).

The consultation runs until 3rd September.

<http://www.assemblywales.org/newhome/new-news-third-assembly.htm?act=dis&id=191556&ds=7/2010>

Child Safety Product Guide - A Guide to Dangerous Products

This product guide, produced by the European Child Safety Alliance, has been developed to educate consumers and professionals to recognise the hidden hazards that a child may encounter with particular products and ways to prevent these injuries when using these products.

Products include; babywalkers, changing tables, safety gates, highchairs, playpens, window blinds, toy chests and many more.

To view the full document, please follow the link:

[Child Product Safety Guide](#)

A Guide to Child Safety Regulations and Standards in Europe

This is a general introduction to the very complicated regulatory process that surrounds European Standards and includes an 'at a glance' summary of directives that are applicable to particular products and their European Standard numbers and/or legislation. This guide is particularly useful if you are supplying any type of safety equipment. Link:

[Child Safety Standards and Regulations](#)

Please accept my apologies for this rather long email, but I'm sure that the information will be relevant and very useful to you. Please feel free to forward this onto colleagues.

I look forward to receiving your comments and responses.

If this email has been forwarded on to you by a colleague, then why not join the CHAPPIE network directly. You can do this by contacting me - just click on the link below my signature.

Kind regards
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