

Project: Safe Children Happy Parents

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- Background

Injuries are one of the biggest threats against children's health and life today.

Injuries contribute to a big load on the health care system and not least the humanitarian costs for the family and the child. The home is known as a safe place, but it is here the most accidents happen especially with small children.

Every day children are hurt when interacting with products in their daily environments.

The most common accidents among small children are injuries caused by falling, poisoning, suffocation, cuts and burns.

- Target groups Child Minders, Day Cares and parents.

Safe Children Happy Parents is a project about how to make small children's play environments safe at home, at the Child Minder and in Day Cares. Children explore their surroundings with great curiosity unaware of all the risks that exist around them. For this reason we as adults need to keep a step ahead to prevent accidents. Small children will always hurt themselves, it is a part of growing up, but as adults we can prevent and minimize the accidents, especially the dangerous ones with catastrophic aftermaths.

- Why do children have accidents?

Because children are often absorbed in their own immediate interests they can be oblivious to their surroundings. They only have a limited perception of the environment because of their lack of experience or development. They are not aware of the consequences of the many new situations that they encounter daily.

Curiosity and a spirit of adventure may lead a child into danger.

A child's interpretation of a situation may be inaccurate and adults looking after small children should be aware not to expect too much of them.

Children need constant supervision.

0-6 months	Wriggle and kick, grasp, suck, roll over.
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6mths-1 yr	Stand, sit, crawl, and put things in the mouth.
1-2 years	Move about, reach for things high up, and find hidden objects, walk and climb.
2-3 years	Be adventurous, climb higher, pull and twist things, watch and copy.

Most of the serious accidents can be prevented by be aware of them and know what to do about them.

- Purpose

Make small children's play environments safe. Both human suffering and the costs for the society in form of hospital care; disabilities etc. can be reduced by introducing children safety products, education, increase awareness and improvements in the home environments.

- Goals
- Activity Goals
- Inform and meet with Ministers of concerned Departments.
- Collaboration with IECD.
- Collaboration with Red Cross Seychelles.( established)
- Provide all registered Child Minders and Day Cares with safety products.
- Offer free workshops to Child Minders and Day Cares. How to create safe play environments and how to install and use the safety products to prevent accidents.
- Provide Child Minders, Day Cares and parents with the publication Safe Children Happy Parents. (already published at Seychelles National Library ISBN 978-99931-943-0- 9)
- Provide all Child Minders and Day Cares with the test cylinder of small parts donated by the Swedish Government towards Konsumentverket Sweden to Playtime.Seychelles.
- Provide economic week families with safe packages in collaboration with the Social Affairs and also provide information and installation of the products to their homes.
- Advocate for safer daily living for the children in Seychelles.
- Information towards exhibitions, information material, media and free workshops to parents.
- Provide public places, Social Affair Offices and Health Care Maternal and Child Health

Centers with the poster Safe Children Happy Parents.( published ISBN 978-99931-943-5-4)

- Contact importers and retailer companies to import home safety products.
- Influence shops to sell home safety products.
- Provide the Maternity Ward at Seychelles Hospital with package to give to women that just became mothers.
- Project Goal
- Provide all registered Child Minders and Day Cares with safety products and that home safety products shall be available to all parents in Seychelles to affordable prices.
- To implement the use of home safety products as a habit in Seychelles.
- Make small children's environments safer at Child Minders, Day Cares and in the homes by introducing home safety products, increase awareness and improvements in the home environments.

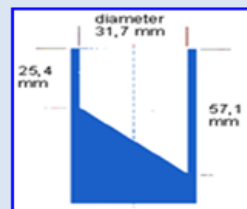
## Small Part Cylinder

**The small part cylinder helps you to find out, what kind of small things, that can be dangerous and can get stuck in your child's throat and choke your child!**



**How to use the small part cylinder.**

Small children examine things by putting them in their mouth. Therefore there is a risk that small toys and small parts from toys and other products get stuck in the child's throat or get sucked into the lungs. The child can get damage on the airways or get choked.



The small part cylinder has the same size as a 3 years old child's windpipe .

Try all toys and small parts in the cylinder. If they go completely into the cylinder, then they are dangerous to a small child. Some things that does not go in to the cylinder can still be dangerous to put in the mouth. Small bolts and other round things that can block the air flow, also rattles with long, narrow handles.

Avoid everything that nearly goes in to the cylinder.

### **Content of the package to Maternity Ward.**

- The publication “Safe Children Happy Parents.”
- Small part cylinder with the instruction brochure.
- The Picture Book “The Curious Baby.” in Kreol.
- Playtimes Seychelles brochure.
- Contacts to Playtime Seychelles.

### **Safety Package to economic vulnerable families, Daycare and Child Minders.**

- Safety chain for windows and balcony doors and window safety lock.
- Drawer and cabinet safety lock.
- Stove safety guard electric and gas stoves.
- Door safety guard.
- Cabinet safety locks.
- Pressure fit safety gates.
- Small part cylinder.
- First aid kit. (only Daycares and Child Minders).
- Publication “Safe Children Happy Parents”.
- Poster “Safe Children Happy Parents”. (only Daycares)
- The Picture Book the Picture Book “The Curious Baby.” in Kreol.
- Provided installation of the safety products.

