

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.

Small children need constant supervision.

Most of the serious accidents can be prevented by be aware of them and know how to make preventions to avoid 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 towards information and education, increase awareness and safety improvements in small children's environments.

- **Goals**

- **Activity Goals**

- Inform and meet with Ministers of concerned Departments.
- Collaboration with IECD.
- Collaboration with Red Cross Seychelles.
- Offer free workshops to Child Minders, Day Cares and parents.
- Attend parent meetings at Day Cares with a presentation about safety for small children provide them with the publications and a small part cylinder
- 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 Child Minders, Day Cares and parents with the publication "Safe to Play with" (published ISBN 978-99931-944-6-0)
- 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.
- Advocate for safer daily living for the children in Seychelles.
- Information towards exhibitions, information material, media and free workshops.
- Provide public places, Social Affair Offices and Seychelles Hospital Maternity Ward, Child Health Centers and Day Cares with the poster Safe Children Happy Parents. (published ISBN 978-99931-943-5-4)
- Influence shops to sell home safety products.
- Give information to the staff at Seychelles Hospital Maternity Ward.
- Provide the Maternity Ward at Seychelles Hospital with safety information package to give new become mothers.
- Offer information meetings with new become mothers at the Maternity Ward.
- Provide Maternity Ward, Day Cares, Child Minders and childcare facilities with the book "Sa pti baba kirye". (Published ISBN 978-99931-944-5-3)

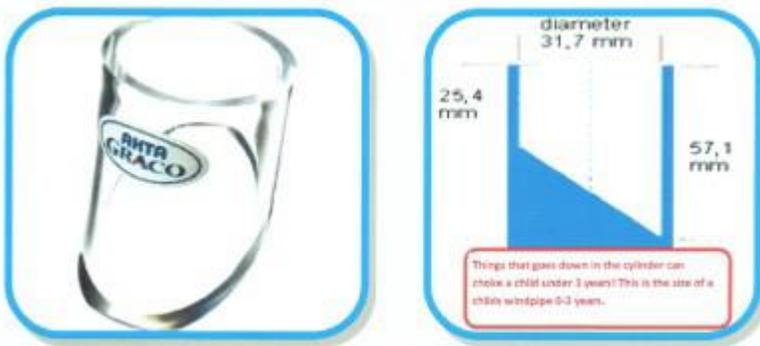
- **Project Goal**

- To make small children's environments safer at Child Minders, Day Cares and in their homes. Increase awareness and knowledge among professionals and parents how to prevent many of the most common accidents by making adjustments in small children's daily environment.

Content of the package to Maternity Ward.

- The publication “Safe Children Happy Parents.
- The publication “Safe to Play With”.
- Small part cylinder with a instruction brochure.
- Contacts to Playtime Seychelles.

Small Part Cylinder

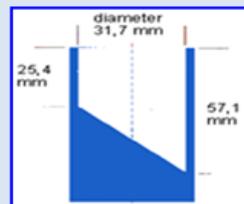


The small part cylinder helps you to find out, what kind of small things, that can be dangerous and can get stuck in your child's throat and choke your child!



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 bolls 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.

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