

# Cross-Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 18:00-20:00

(online)

## MSPs

Clare Adamson (SNP)	Convener
Claire Baker (Scot Lab)	Deputy Convener

## Speakers

Name	Organisation
Emma Dudley	RoSPA
Katrina Philips	CAPT
Kirstin Thomson	Scottish Trauma Network
Dr Stephen Bridgman	Public Health Scotland

## Members (online)

Name	Organisation
Michelle McKenna	North Lanarkshire Council Trading Standards and Consumer and Public Interest Network (CPIN)
Cherie Morgan	Play Scotland
Michael Avril	RNLI
Jeanettte Reid	City of Edinburgh Council
Laura Kelly-Hill	NHS
Lynn Hill	Fife Council Housing and Safer Communities Service
Alan Purves	SSERC
Robert Atkinson	Public Health Scotland
Carlene McAvoy	RoSPA
Andrew Cathro	Safety Advocate and H&S Trainer
Christopher Bell	Trading Standards in Scotland
Jim Dorman	St Andrew's First Aid
Sylvia McKay	Safety Advocate

William Harley	Fife Council Housing and Safer Communities Service
Kathy Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
Fred Cullum	Safety Advocate
Alistair Taylor	Scottish Government
Brain Topping	Safety Advocate

## Apologies

Name	Organisation
Alastair MacGregor	SSERC
Rhiain Reynolds	RoSPA
Elisa Bevacqua	COSLA
Gill Burton	Scottish Cot Death Trust
Alex Petrie	IOSH Scotland
Robert Cairney	SELECT
Caroline Wilson	The Risk Factory
Heather Wright	Lifeways
Gordon Hunter	Scottish Swimming

### 1. Welcome:

The convener, Clare Adamson MSP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the change from in person to an online meeting.

### 2. Present and apologies

See lists above.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms Adamson asked the group for a seconder of the minutes from the April CPG meeting Brain Topping proposed the minutes and Fred Cullum seconded the minutes of the April CPG meeting.

### 4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5. AGM

Alistair Taylor asked for nominations for Convener and Deputy Convener. Brian Topping put forward Claire Adamson MSP as Convener which was seconded by Katrina Philips.

Alistair Taylor then asked for nominations for Deputy Convenor and nominated Claire Baker. This was seconded by Robert Atkinson

Clare Adamson thanked RoSPA for all the work as the Secretariat and nominated RoSPA to continue. The group agreed unanimously. Clare Adamson noted that the Secretariat would prepare and return the Annual Return Form to the Standards Committee.

## **6. Headlines newsletter**

Carlene McAvoy briefly went through the contents of the Headlines Newsletter (appendix 1) which have been circulated ahead of the meeting. Carlene thanked those that contributed and reminded everyone that they are welcome to include updates for future meetings.

## **7. Presentations**

Presentations are available on the RoSPA website at [Cross Party Group - RoSPA](#)

### **Speakers**

#### **Katrina Philips, CAPT: Child Safety Week**

Katrina is the Chief Executive of the Child Accident Prevention Trust, a charity working across the UK to reduce avoidable death and serious injury to children.

#### **Kirstin Thomson, Scottish Trauma Network: Firework injury trends in children- Analysis of COBIS audit data**

Kirstin Thomson is Programme Manager with the Scottish Trauma Network (STN). Kirstin manages the STN in National Services Directorate, within NHS National Services Scotland, having previously worked across other strategic networks including Care of Burns in Scotland. Bringing together specialists from across Scotland, Kirstin works to improve consistency in service delivery and reduce unwarranted variation in care. She has over ten years' experience within the NHS, previously working as Communications Manager for the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service.

#### **Emma Dudley, Water Safety Scotland: Tombstoning Workshop: A free water safety education resource**

Emma Dudley is the Water Safety Development Manager for Water Safety Scotland/RoSPA, with a background in Sociology and 10 years' experience as an RLLS UK Lifeguard. Emma manages Water Safety Scotland's network and membership whilst promoting education and communications resources. Emma also

works with Water Safety Scotland partner organisations to fulfil projects that contribute to drowning prevention work in Scotland.

**Dr Stephen Bridgman, Public Health Scotland: Unintentional injuries annual report for Scotland; focus on children**

Dr Stephen Bridgman is a Consultant in Public Health and Clinical lead for musculoskeletal disease and injury at Public Health Scotland.

**8. Question and answer session**

*Katrina Phillips Chief Executive of the Child Accident Prevention Trust Child Safety Week*

Christopher Bell asked about trading standards and market surveillance in relation to product safety similar to food trading standards. Katrina noted that there are new websites and stores popping up everyday selling unsafe products, but data is the key to getting bills passed on product safety. Christopher also mentioned Nigel Halls' work on magnets which Ms Adamson and Dr Bridgman agreed that this paper is something to investigate.

*Kirstin Thomson Programme Manager with the Scottish Trauma Network Firework injury trends in children- Analysis of COBIS audit data*

Christopher Bell noted that an issue they have with fireworks and sparklers is injuries to children's faces and eyes while putting them out. Chris suggested himself and Kirstin continue to discuss fire work safety especially around sparklers as this is a problem for trading standards Scotland. Clare Adamson noted that a young children's skin doesn't repair well after suffering burns due to their age, which is something that could be focused on more. Also, Ms Adamson mentioned the fire safety bill being passed not long ago in parliament but is unsure how sparklers are defined within that bill. Kirstin explained that sparklers are in the same category as a Christmas cracker (F1) and she doesn't think there is any likelihood that this will be changed.

*Emma Dudley Water Safety Development Manager for Water Safety Scotland/RoSPA Tombstoning Workshop: A free water safety education resource*

Dr Bridgman asked about how the tombstoning campaign can influence young people if for example, it is made very clear how bad tobacco is for your health yet smoking and vaping is still popular in young people? Emma Dudley explained that the campaign doesn't explicitly say no to tombstoning as people will still participate but is more focused on making sure people are safe and can make informed choices. The campaign was also peer led to by focussing on young people. Kirstin Thomson suggested that these resources be shared with organisations such as scouts etc. to reach more young people. Clare Adamson noted that social media makes tombstoning look fun and easy which encourages young people to try it which is a worry.

*Dr Stephen Bridgman Consultant in Public Health and Clinical lead for musculoskeletal disease and injury at Public Health Scotland Unintentional injuries annual report for Scotland; focus on children*

Ms Adamson noted interest in the breakdown by local authorities and population size in different areas. Dr Bridgman will investigate this and noted that the data included were just samples. He noted that he is happy to investigate specific local areas and can-do national comparisons. Ms Adamson also asked about the dog bites in children, but Dr Bridgman explained that we don't know the answer and a recent bid to research this further was unfortunately not progressed.

## **9. Close & Date of the Next Meeting**

Christopher Bell would like to bring the issue of nicotine pouches to the group and thinks it's something to be discussed further at a future meeting. Ms Adamson and Dr Bridgeman agreed this is a rising issue which should be discussed further.

The next meeting of the CPG is on 4th November, 18:00 – 20:00. If you have an idea for a theme or you would like to be a speaker, please get in touch with RoSPA.

## Appendix 1

### **Headlines Newsletter, Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness. June 3rd 2025**

#### **Fife Cares: Enhancing Home Safety for Families and Vulnerable Adults**



Fife Cares, a part of Safer Communities at Fife Council, continues to provide essential advice and equipment to prevent accidents in the home for families with young children and vulnerable adults. Additionally, the organisation conducts home security visits for victims of domestic abuse.

In the year 2024-25, Fife Cares successfully carried out 335 home safety visits. The organisation also spearheaded week-long campaigns for Child Safety Week and Safer Toys at Christmas. Furthermore, throughout the year, Fife Cares delivered informative talks and disseminated home safety information to community groups and staff, promoting their services effectively.

This year, Fife Cares is actively supporting Child Safety Week by setting up informational stalls at three shopping centres in Fife. These stalls will provide valuable advice and information, aligning with the Child Accident Prevention Trust's summer safety theme. All literature distributed will be linked to CAPT information and their website. Additionally, Fife Cares has programmed home safety messages for local radio and will amplify these messages through social media channels.

For more information, please contact Bill Harley via email at [william.harley@fife.gov.uk](mailto:william.harley@fife.gov.uk)

#### **24th Annual Conference – Scottish Hazards**

Scottish Hazards held its 24th Annual Conference on 27 February bringing together 80 health and safety activists to consider the questions

1. Is our H&S system fit for purpose?
2. How do we see Health and Safety in Scotland's Future?

Please see details of speakers and workshops at Scottish Hazards [24th Annual Conference - Scottish Hazards](#)

Scottish Hazards had produced a Manifesto for the 2026 Scottish Election. Please use it to ask questions about health and safety policies of parties and candidates. [Manifesto-280425-4.pdf](#)

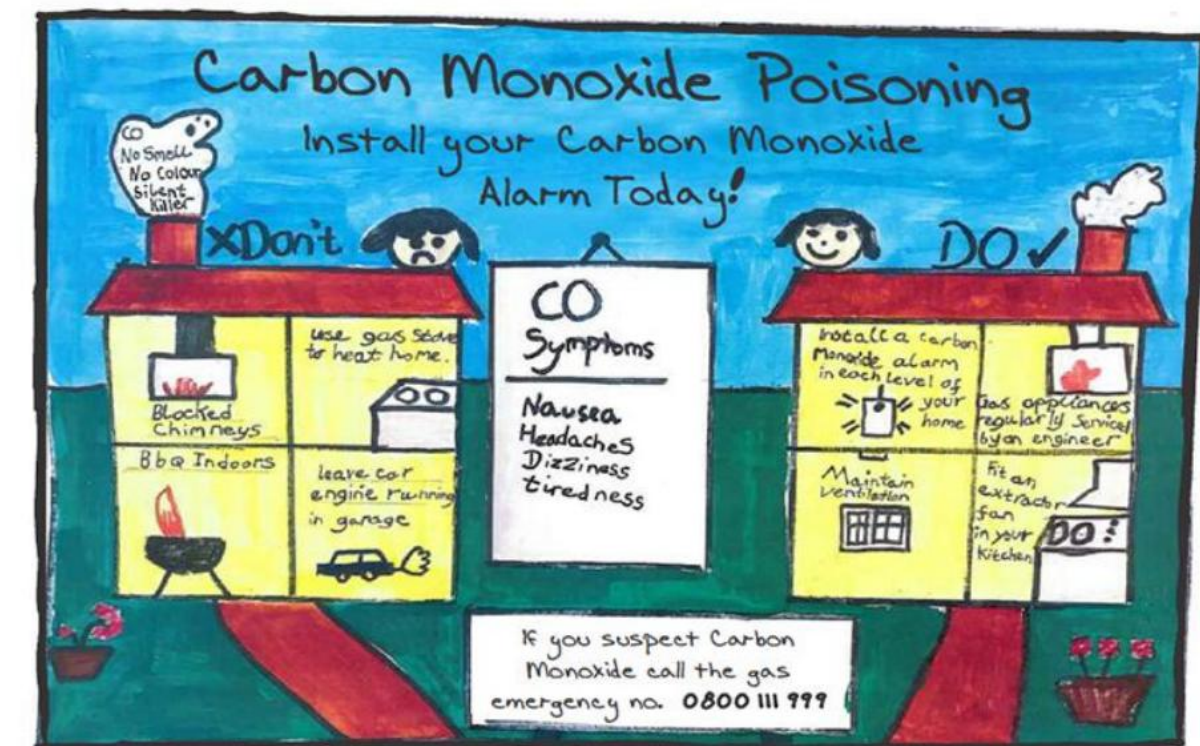
### **Water Safety Open Day 2025**

Water Safety Scotland, alongside our partners the Darcey Sunshine Foundation, Scottish Water, SFRS, SSEN, Police Scotland and West Dunbartonshire Council, are hosting the annual Water Safety Open Day in support of the UN's World Drowning Prevention Day on the 25th of July. Similar to last year, the event will take place at Loch Lomond Shores in Balloch, from 11am to 4pm.

The event is open everyone and will include demonstrations and fun activities all centred around water safety. Please spread the word and come along for a few hours on the 25th.

Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA/WSS

### **SGN - CO Safety Competition**



We're looking for budding young artists to help us spread the word on the dangers of the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO).

To enter the competition, you must be 5-11 years old and submit a piece of art warning people of the dangers of CO. Your artwork can be a brilliant poster, cartoon, video, or poem.

We have more information about the dangers of carbon monoxide on our CO advice page.

All artwork must be submitted **to us by 31 December** to be included in this round of the competition. Any entries we receive after this date will be included in the next year's competition. Have fun and get creative!

Prizes: Each year, national and area winners will be chosen. Entrants stand a chance of winning the following prizes:

- National winner: £300 for themselves and £600 for their school or organisation. \*
- Area winner: £150 each and £300 for their school or organisation

(\*National prize will be in addition to the area prize).

Winners will be notified by email.

**How to submit your entry:** Send your entry along with your name, age, teacher, school/organisation and post code by email to [community@sgn.co.uk](mailto:community@sgn.co.uk) or via our dedicated competition webpage [here](#). Your entry must be in the format of a JPEG, photograph, or coloured scan, or if it is a video format, as a link or attachment email.