PRE ANNOUNCEMENT
2012 Child Safety Report Cards to be launched

On June 12, 2012 the European Child Safety Alliance of EuroSafe will launch Child Safety Report Cards for more than 30 European countries at the European Parliament in Strasbourg with the support of MEP Malcolm Harbour Chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee and European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, John Dalli.

Simultaneous launches are being prepared in participating countries. National Child Safety Report Cards and Country Profiles will be available for Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Wales.
For four countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovakia and Romania) the 2012 report card will be their first, but for 14 countries it will be their third and for 15 it will be their second. This means that in 2012 we will be able to benchmark progress in 29 countries.

The 2012 Report Cards and Profiles describe: 1) how well a country is doing to make it safe for children, 2) the gaps in action on unintentional injury that need to be addressed, and 3) which good practices should be adopted to prevent injuries and to save more children's lives.

The Report Cards assess the extent of safety measures provided to children and adolescents by examining and grading the adoption, implementation and enforcement of national level evidence-based policies addressing unintentional injury. A 30+ country summary report card provides a multi-country overview to facilitate European-level planning to support national level efforts, including a new section on inequalities and child safety. Report cards are part of the activities to benchmark and monitor child injury and related action as part of the EU funded TACTICS project. Child Safety Report Cards were awarded the European Health Award from the European Health Forum Gastein in 2011.

The 12 policy topics within the report cards comprise

Nine areas of safety relevant to children and adolescents:

- Passenger safety,
- Motor scooter and moped safety,
- Pedestrian safety and
- Cycling safety,
- Water safety/drowning prevention,
- Fall prevention,
- Burn prevention,
- Poisoning prevention,
- Choking/strangulation prevention.

Plus three areas of strategy to support child safety efforts:

- Leadership,
- Infrastructure and
- Capacity.
For more information and results on June 12, 2012 go to: www.childsafetyeurope.org

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