

Kidsafe WA (Kidsafe Western Australia (Inc)) is the leading not-for-profit, non-government charitable organisation dedicated to the prevention of childhood injuries in Western Australia.

Kidsafe Western Australia (Inc) is the WA member and affiliate of the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia, a national organisation first established in 1979.

Our focus is on preventing deaths and reducing the incidence and severity of unintentional injuries to children aged less than 15 years.

Our primary underpinning principle is "Children First" – the safety and protection of children.

OUR VISION

A Safer World for Kids

OUR MISSION

To lead the action to minimise unacceptable risk and consequence of unintentional injury to children in our adult focussed world.

OUR VALUES

- ☺ Concern for the well-being of children
- ☺ Prevention is better than cure
- ☺ Evidence Based Best Practice

**child safety
is no
accident**

FACTS ABOUT CHILD INJURY IN WA

Each year about 50 children die and 7,500 children are admitted to hospitals throughout the state as a result of Injury.

The PMH Emergency Department sees approximately **27 children per day** as a result of injury, or 10,000 presentations annually, **98% of these are unintentional.**

Injury is the leading cause of death for Australian children aged one to fourteen, accounting for nearly **half of all deaths** in this age group.

The direct costs of childhood injury to the WA health system is **more than \$15million annually.**

HELP US KEEP KIDS SAFE

The continued operation of Kidsafe WA is dependent on funding obtained from donations, fundraising, income generated by Kidsafe Centre activity, corporate sponsorship, specific project funding and purchase of specific services by government.



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HOME SAFETY

The Safety Demonstration House highlights potential danger areas around the home and some of the prevention measures available to reduce the risk of injuries occurring.

A range of Safety Products are available for purchase both at the centre and through the Online shop on the Kidsafe WA website: www.kidsafewa.com.au

We also provide:



- Workshops, Seminars and Tours
- Community Action Kit for Home Safety
- Seasonal Child Injury Prevention Plan
- Fact Sheets on various child safety topics
- Specific Issue campaigns eg. Hot Water Burns Like Fire; Poisons Lock up and Away



RESEARCH & INJURY SURVEILLANCE

Kidsafe WA established the first Emergency Department paediatric injury surveillance system in WA, at Princess Margaret Hospital in 1986.

The quarterly WA Childhood Injury Surveillance Bulletin is developed by Kidsafe WA in conjunction with the Princess Margaret Hospital Emergency Department. The latest reports can be downloaded from www.kidsafewa.com.au

Kidsafe WA also conducts select childhood injury research projects and disseminates research findings to the community and professionals to increase awareness and knowledge of childhood injury causes, emerging issues and evidence based prevention measures.

"More children die of
Injury

Than die from Cancer, Asthma &
Infectious diseases combined"

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The resource centre provides child safety information to parent's carers, students, health professionals, government agencies, other non-government organisations and businesses.

The resource centre includes a Library, including a range of journals, resources, videos and display kits for hire. Information can be obtained by visiting the centre or contacting Kidsafe WA.

We also conduct or participate in:

- ⇒ Annual National Kidsafe Day
- ⇒ Child Eye Injury Prevention
- ⇒ Consumer Product Safety Committee



ROAD SAFETY

Kidsafe WA operates the **only** comprehensive ongoing child car restraint fitting, checking, hiring and information service in WA.

The hire service has a large range of Capsules, convertible and booster seats for short or long-term hire.

The Child Car Restraint Fitting and Checking Service is very popular. Every restraint fitting or check includes instruction on the correct use and adjustment of the restraint.

If you are looking for advice, Kidsafe WA has a comprehensive range of child car restraints on display and can provide advice to assist you in choosing the right restraint to suit your child, car and specific needs.

Bookings are Essential

SCHOOL SAFETY

Safety in Schools Week is an annual event coordinated by Kidsafe WA which aims to raise awareness in whole of school communities about the importance of safety and injury prevention at home, school, on the road or in the playground.

Kidsafe WA promotes the Safety Rules OK! message to school children through Healthway support sponsorships with the Arts organisations:

- ⇒ Musica Viva in Schools Program
- ⇒ Spare Parts Puppet Theatre
- ⇒ Fremantle Children's Literature Centre

Multiple child injury prevention resources are also available for primary and secondary school teachers and students through the resource centre.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

The Playground Advisory Service offers a technical, safety and design information service for all groups in WA.

Services include:

Training: Inspection and Maintenance workshops

On-Site Inspection Services:

- ⇒ Short verbal consultations
- ⇒ Full safety audit with report and checklists

Other Services:

- ⇒ Fact Sheets
- ⇒ Other publications
- ⇒ Assistance with interpreting the playground safety standards
- ⇒ Design, construction and maintenance advice for safe and creative play areas

