

RISK WATCH


Get on Board with Child
Safety for Preschoolers
in Indiana

True or False?

For children ages 14 and under, the #1 health risk is drug abuse.


Answer: False

The #1 health risk is injuries. This is more than drugs, kidnapping, and disease.




True or False?

Each year in the United States, unintentional injuries kill more than 7,000 kids and permanently disable more than 50,000



Answer: True

13 million children, one in four, are injured seriously enough to require medical attention. Injuries are the leading cause of death for children in the U.S. from ages 1-14.



True or False?


A majority of Americans have and practice a home fire escape plan.

Answer: False

A recent National Fire Protection Association survey indicates that only 15% of Americans have developed and practice a home fire escape plan


What do you think?

What are the costs of these injuries to our children and our communities?




What do you think?

Are these injuries simply accidents over which we have no control, or do you think they are preventable?



What do you think?

If injuries to children are preventable, what is the best way to prevent these injuries?



Summary

- Childhood injuries are a problem at the national and local levels.
- Childhood injuries are not accidents—they are predictable events that can be prevented.
- Education of children and caregivers is one of the best methods for preventing childhood injuries.

Why RISK WATCH for Preschoolers?

- Our youngest kids are our most vulnerable to injury and injury-related deaths – they are curious, fearless, and lack an understanding of the consequences of their actions
- Children under age 5 consistently represent the highest numbers of injuries and injury-related deaths for children up through age 14

History of RISK WATCH

- Injury prevention program for children, preschool through grade 8.
- Developed by NFPA and Lowe's Home Safety Council.
- Supported by key injury prevention organizations for 8 injury areas in curriculum
- Based on successful elements found in the NFPA Learn Not to Burn Program and sound educational theory and practice
- Thoroughly tested in United States and Canadian schools

Why Teach Injury Prevention to Preschoolers?

- Care givers don't always teach their children about injury prevention and personal safety.
- Schools and child care settings provide an effective learning environment.
- Professional educators ensure age appropriate education.
- Teachers can serve as role models and act as links between care givers and children.

Why Use RISK WATCH?

- First comprehensive injury prevention curriculum for use in schools.
- Based on an integrated, experiential approach to learning. Age-appropriate and uses latest educational theory and practice.
- Field-tested and proven to be successful.
- Fun for both teacher and students.
- Directly involves care givers in learning process.
- Designed for maximum teacher flexibility.

RISK WATCH Flexibility


- Integrative into other thematic areas, especially guided discovery.
- Customized based on local needs and injury problems.
- Can be a stand alone module for classroom instruction throughout an entire school year or used as an intensive program over a short time period.

RISK WATCH Philosophy

- Classroom teachers are the most important element in the RISK WATCH approach to injury prevention education.
- Personal safety is a value that must be learned at a young age.
- RISK WATCH is an integrative and experiential approach to learning. Teachers are the facilitators and guides who involve children in the learning process.
- RISK WATCH is a community program and brings together people and groups to develop and implement solutions.

Review of Curriculum Content

Warm Up Exercises for
Getting into Character:
“I’m a Risk Watcher”



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Eight Risk Area Lesson
Cards:

Smoke Detector/Alarm
Tells a Story (lesson 2,
part 1)


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Risk Area Icon Cards:
For use on bulletin
boards, displays, in
interactive activities




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Interactive Activities
(RISK WATCH in
action) -- “What’s a
Risk?” poster



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Caregiver letters: sent home to families to seek their support for home safety and to encourage practice of child safety



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Evaluation Instruments: Pre and Post tests are provided to evaluate gains in knowledge by children about injury prevention.
