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**Injuries are
predictable and
preventable**

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Safe and Spooky Halloween

It's one of the spookiest and fun nights of the year! Follow these "tricks" and Halloween is sure to be a treat.

Be sure children. . .

- Wear reflective clothing and use a flashlight
- Wear face paint instead of a mask
- Wear a suture and shoes they won't trip in
- Stay in familiar neighbourhoods
- Stay out of houses when trick or treating
- Stay in well-lit areas
- 9 years and under are supervised by an adult.
- over 9 years old trick or treat with an adult and/or are in a group with older children.
- Walk, don't run
- Face traffic when walking- use the sidewalk
- Cross at street corners- don't dart from one side of the street to the other.



Share this information easily with your clients- post the "Have a Safe and Happy Halloween" display and handout. This resource combines suggestions from Injury Prevention, Dental and Nutrition, for a safe, healthy and spooktacular event.

Injury Prevention Community Grants

Do you know that...

- Up to 90% of injuries are preventable!
 - Injuries are the leading cause of death and hospitalization in children and youth.
 - Seniors' falls are the leading cause of hospitalization.
 - People living in Northern BC are 2½ times more likely to die in a motor vehicle crash than others across the province.
 - Northern Health works with communities to decrease injury rates.
- If you know of an organization or community group that is interested in organizing an injury prevention project or initiative, this may be the grant for them!
- Help Spread the Word-
Application Deadline
October 26, 2007**
Contact your Regional Injury Prevention Coordinator



**Oct 22 – 28 is
Safe Crossing
Week**

Safe Kids Canada Update

Kids that Click

DVD to help parents choose and use car seats, booster seats & seat belts safely. Look for a copy coming to your Health Unit soon.

Safe Crossing Week

Oct.22-28. This campaign launched to raise awareness of safety at railway crossings. If you know of a school who's children must cross or walk along a rail track, please encourage them

to participate as many resources are available to support their efforts. Contact:

linda.ward@sickkids.ca

Safe Kids Week 2008

A focus on pedestrian safety. Invitation packages will be ready in early November. Plan to apply as a partner and seek the grant application to fund any activity or event your tem or community group is planning.

Baby Walker Ban Upheld!

In 2006 Health Canada established a Board of Review in response to an industry request to rescind the baby warlker ban. Northern Health Injury Prevention Coordinators participated by letter to support the Safe Kids Canada presentation to the board. In June 2007, Minister Clement announced his decision to uphold the ban.



**Oct. 7-13 is
Fire Prevention
Week**

Fire Prevention

Fires that happen at home are devastating. By following basic fire safety precautions, many of these fires can be prevented. Check out the website

www.fipreca.ca

For all kinds of fire prevention fact sheet, educational material, public service announcements and more.