

# Cyprus five year strategy plan for the Prevention of Unintentional Childhood Injuries: comprehensive program for the playground safety

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## Introduction

### Successful Program: **Safety of Children in Playgrounds**

The program derives from the National Strategic Action Plan for the Prevention of Childhood Injuries (2016-2020) – Adopted by the Ministerial Council

The Plan addresses the five main causes of childhood injuries:- Road injuries

- Falls
- Drowning/Suffocation
- Burns
- Poisonings

The program focused on two pillars

- **Raising awareness**
- **Introduction of relevant legislation**

## Objective

Prevent accidents in playgrounds

## Methods

Awareness campaign focus in 3 population groups

- Parents and caregivers
- Pre-primary school children
- Competent bodies

## Materials from the Campaign



## Results

Improvement of many playgrounds concerning safety

**Preparation of a draft law on safety (at the level of parliament) setting standards on safety in playgrounds**

## Conclusion

The above program demonstrates the importance of tackling childhood injuries in structured and evidence based approach

The program is a forerunner for the reduction of injuries at playgrounds

Moreover we will keep working on the rest of the subjects of this action plan