Tools to Address Childhood Trauma, Injury and Children’s Safety
is a large scale, multi-year initiative of the European Child Safety Alliance that is working to provide better information, practical tools and resources to support adoption and implementation of evidence-based good practices for the prevention of injury to children and youth in Europe.

In addition, in order to make the lives of all children and youth in Europe safer TACTICS will explore health inequalities as they relate to child and youth injury and more specifically target capacity building efforts at the regional and local levels. The initiative, which runs from April 2011 through to April 2014, builds on the successful work of past EC funded projects such as the Child Safety Action Plan (CSAP) project (2004-2010).
**WHY is the TACTICS project important?**

- Addresses child injuries: the leading cause of child death, disability and inequalities in Europe
- Supports children’s right to safety as agreed to by all Member States’ signed commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Examines intentional and unintentional child injuries nationally and sub-nationally
- Supports the development and implementation of Child Safety Action Plans for Member States
- Is developing practical tools and resources to be used by Member States to support uptake of child safety policies based on evidenced good practice solutions

**WHO will benefit**

The direct target group for TACTICS is decision makers within and outside the health sector (e.g., EU, national and regional level elected and appointed officials, government authorities, lead agencies for child health, public health, education, transport) who have responsibility for making policy decisions with respect to actions to reduce childhood trauma and injury, increase childhood safety and monitor progress in achieving these goals. Enhancing their capacity in terms of making informed decisions on the adoption of evidenced good practices and enhancing targeting and allocation of resources to address child injury should result in positive outcomes for the underlying core target groups - children themselves, their families and the stakeholders working at the EU, national, regional and local levels to reduce child injuries.
WHO is involved?

TACTICS is led by the European Child Safety Alliance (ECSA), an initiative of EuroSafe – the European Association for Injury Prevention and Promotion. The Alliance focuses on strategies aimed at bringing about reductions in injury related deaths and disability amongst children 0 -18 years of age in Europe. It works with a network of child injury expert partners and stakeholders from various disciplines involved in child injury prevention.

TACTICS is supported by the European Commission and has the participation of partners from more than 30 European countries, including national and international experts in the areas of child injury, inequities, health indicators, benchmarking and indexing, and regional health policy analysis.

The participating countries¹ are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Wales

¹ Including England, Scotland and Wales as constituent countries of the United Kingdom
Process

The project activities primarily comprise three interrelated approaches that together will assist countries in adopting, implementing and monitoring evidence-based good practices to reduce injuries and support national Child Safety Action Plans.

1. **Activities to benchmark and monitor child injury and related actions:**

   - Monitoring progress in child safety action through child safety report cards and profiles in over 30 countries including all 27 EU Member States
   - Developing and piloting an easy to use Child Safety Index and tool kit to allow sub-national regions and localities to assess their safety performance against the national picture, and prioritise their actions

2. **Activities to support the uptake and implementation of what works in child injury prevention:**

   - Developing case study examples of both successful and unsuccessful attempts to adopt and implement evidence-based child injury prevention actions at the national, regional and local levels, in order to identify key barriers and facilitators to guide Member States in their own efforts
   - Developing in-depth case studies of how policy decisions regarding child safety are made and how prevention programmes are delivered in six sub-national regions in order to more effectively facilitate implementation of national Child Safety Action Plans and enhance uptake of evidence-based good practices to regional and local levels
   - Developing audience specific tools which will address three stages of childhood and which will support uptake of evidence-based injury prevention strategies
3. **Activities to explore the multi-sectoral and cross-cutting nature of child injury**

- Exploring the effect of health and social inequities on child injury rates and the effectiveness of injury prevention strategies in addressing inequities both within and between EU Member States
- Mapping responsibility for child injury prevention in the EU, and in participating countries and six sub-national regions in order to:
  a) illustrate the complexity of the child injury issue and highlight the gains of a coordinated multi-sectoral response, and
  b) build decision makers’ understanding of the opportunities that a multi-sectoral response provides in terms of more effective use of scarce resources
- Exploring facilitators and barriers to multi-sectoral action at the National and sub-national (regional) levels, and communicate results in order to support development and/or implementation of National Child Safety Action Plans
Deliverables

Progress updates and deliverables will be posted on the European Child Safety Alliance website at [www.childsafetyeurope.org](http://www.childsafetyeurope.org) during the course of the project as they become available. The specific deliverables of the project include:

- Child Safety Report Cards & Profiles and European Summary Report Card on Child Safety in all 27 EU Member States plus Croatia, Iceland, Israel, Norway and Switzerland. Report cards will for the first time include national policy actions related to intentional injury

- Report on child injuries and inequity in the European Union

- Child injury prevention good practice advocacy tools for three stages of childhood

- Child Safety Index Score and Toolkit

- Report on national case studies of key facilitators and barriers to implementation of child injury prevention

- Report on regional case studies from six countries examining facilitators and barriers to implementation of child injury prevention, including reference frameworks addressing regional management of child injury prevention

- Report on mapping responsibility for child injury in Europe (at EU, national and regional levels)

- Progress report on Child Safety Action Plan development and implementation in all 27 EU Member States plus Croatia, Iceland, Israel, Norway and Switzerland

- Final public report on TACTICS project
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