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# The Safety Scene

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*Making Sense of Safeguarding*

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## Welcome to the Safety Scene Spring 2018...

As always, the Spring term sees you all planning for your educational visits – for those of you who use the KAHSC online visits system we would remind you of the need to submit your visits for approval advice at least 4 weeks before departure in order for you to get the best out of the service we provide. We will always endeavour to ensure that approval advice is given prior to a visit, but with the vast number of visits submitted during the summer term, unless

they are submitted on time, we cannot guarantee this. If you know the visit is going to be late, please call ahead and we will make every effort to accommodate your requests.

Also this term, many of you are preparing for compliance with the new GDP Regulations which come into force on 25 May 2018. Our first round of half day courses took place in January and were in such great demand that we are running

extra 'mop up' sessions for those of you who missed them.

We will also be working on our own GDPR Compliance to ensure that the information submitted by you to us is safe and secure. Our privacy notice will be updated shortly and uploaded to the website.

As always if you have any questions about these topics or anything else we are more than happy to help.

## Making Sense of Safeguarding 2018 – have you booked your place yet?

As advertised in our Autumn Newsletter our 'Making Sense of Safeguarding' Conference is back again by popular demand. This year's focus is to look at just a handful of the issues faced by children and young people covering LGBTQ with The Proud Trust, children's mental health with Carlisle Eden MIND, Child Sexual Exploitation with Safeguarding Consultant Adele Gladman and 'T', a CSE Survivor and peer on peer

abuse with Carolyn Eyre who has provided training for us on many occasions in the past.

The Conference will be held at North Lakes Hotel, Penrith on Thursday, 26 April 2018.

For more information or to book your place please contact Julie on [julie.smithson@kymallanhsc.co.uk](mailto:julie.smithson@kymallanhsc.co.uk)

## Product recalls

Where we become aware that a manufacturer has recalled a piece of equipment which may have been purchased by subscribing schools and other settings we will make you aware of the issues.

### Kidde Push-button Pindicator and plastic handle Fire Extinguishers



**Issue:** May become clogged and fail to work in an emergency or require excessive force to discharge.

**Models affected:**

Push-button – KK2, 100D, M5P, M5PM, 210D, AUTO 5FX

Plastic Handle – H110G, FA110G, M110G, FC110, FS110, M110GM

**What to do:** to request a free replacement visit [www.kiddesafetyeuropecall.com](http://www.kiddesafetyeuropecall.com)

### HP Notebook Computer and Mobile Workstation batteries

**Issue:** Batteries may overheat posing fire and burn hazard.

**Models affected:** HP Probook 64x (G2 and G3), HP ProBook 65x (G2 and G3), HP x360 310 G2, HP ENVY m6, HP Pavilion x360, HP 11 notebook

computers, HP ZBook (17 G3, 17 G4, and Studio G3) mobile workstations.

**What to do:** See this HP webpage for more information and next steps <https://batteryprogram687.ext.hp.com/en-US/Home/ProgramSummary>

## School governors fined after 4 year old child's finger amputation

The board of Governors at a primary school were recently fined after a 4 year old girl, who was allowed to access the girl's toilets on her own, trapped her fingers in the toilet door resulting in the partial amputation of her finger.

On investigation the HSE found that the finger guard was missing from the door and had not been in place since the toilets were converted 5 years previously.

There was no system in place for checking the door guards and staff had informed the Head Teacher that the door was in fact too heavy for the smaller children to open.

The governors pleaded guilty to breaching section 3 of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and were fined **£4,000** and ordered to pay **£1,750.90** in costs.

## School fined after teacher seriously injured in fall from height



A teacher at a Girl's School in North London suffered multiple fractures to the skull, wrist and elbow when he fell from a stepladder whilst carrying out adjustments to rigging and

spotlights in the school drama studio. A fellow teacher who was present at the time turned round to find her colleague unconscious on the floor.

The HSE investigation found that the school had not adequately risk assessed work at height in its drama studio and had failed to provide teachers with suitable and sufficient training despite this

being a requirement in their health and safety policy and despite the presence of a health and safety e-learning tool available to staff which was only made mandatory after the incident.

The school pleaded guilty to a breach of The Work at Height Regulations 2005, was fined **£2000** and ordered to pay **full prosecution costs.**

## Star Performers

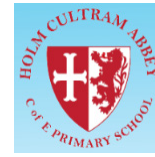


Huge congratulations to **Wreay C of E Primary School**, **Blennerhasset School** and **Holm Cultram Abbey C of E Primary School** who scored either 99/100% in their recent County Council Health & Safety audits. These scores are amazing and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

**Wreay**  
C of E Primary School



**Blennerhasset School**  
Believe, Achieve, Succeed!



## Immediate remedial measures vs First Aid – CLEAPSS



In their recent Secondary School Bulletin CLEAPSS highlighted the need for Science Teachers and Technicians to be able to carry out immediate remedial

measures (IRMS). These measures are not first aid but are simple actions taken immediately to prevent an injury from getting worse whilst waiting for the arrival of a first aider.

In a recent incident at a Secondary School, a pupil received a burn during a practical activity but rather than running the area under cold water the teacher sent the pupil to the office for first aid.

By the time the pupil had reached the office and the first aider was able to run the area under cold water it was too late to make a difference. Whilst not serious, the resulting injury was worse than it needed to be.

Guidance on IRMs can be found in CLEAPSS Guide GL120 'About Hazcards' and the Emergency 'E' Cards both of which can be found on the KAHSC website.

## New CLEAPSS Primary newsletter



As part of their efforts to make resources more accessible CLEAPSS have replaced their PST newsletter with new magazine EXPLORE! The new look magazine will provide teaching ideas, advice, updates and much more.

Issue 1 is available from the CLEAPSS Primary and KAHSC websites.

## Peer on Peer Abuse toolkit

Peer on peer abuse is one of the most significant risks faced by children and young people today. This can take on many forms including bullying (cyberbullying), sexual violence and harassment, physical abuse and sexting to name but a few. A recent study revealed that over a third of female pupils at mixed sex schools have experience some form of sexual harassment and almost a quarter have been subjected to unwanted physical touching of a sexual nature while

at school. Unfortunately however the true scale of this form of abuse is unknown either because education settings are ill-equipped to identify and address such issues or because children themselves do not report it.

Proposed changes for 'Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2018' include the addition of peer on peer abuse to Annex A which aims to help education settings identify and deal with incidents/reports of this form of abuse.

A peer on peer abuse toolkit has been created by Farrer & Co, an independent law firm and Dr Carlene Firmin from the University of Bedfordshire. It provides practical guidance on how to prevent abuse from happening, identify early signs respond appropriately and covers developing a clear comprehensive approach tailored to your setting's specific safeguarding circumstances. The toolkit can be found at [www.farrer.co.uk/news/briefings/peer-on-peer-abuse-toolkit/](http://www.farrer.co.uk/news/briefings/peer-on-peer-abuse-toolkit/).

## Coming soon... IOSH Managing Safely in Educational Settings



Over the last few years we have had a number of enquiries from schools regarding the IOSH Managing Safely course. Many of you will be pleased to learn that we are in the process of putting the finishing touches to our IOSH Managing Safely in Educational Settings course and hope to have

final IOSH approval soon in order to offer this by the Summer Term.

If you are interested in this course please contact Julie on [julie.smithson@kymallanhsc.co.uk](mailto:julie.smithson@kymallanhsc.co.uk) who will make a note of all expressions of interest and inform you once we have the final dates arranged.

## WITHDRAWN – PHE Guidance on Infection Control in schools Sept 2014

Public Health England (PHE) have withdrawn their previously issued 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other settings' replacing it instead with guidance

pages on their website. As many of you find the large poster which we issued in September 2015 useful, we have updated this with the minor changes that have been

made to the exclusion advice and a new version is available to download and print from our website.

## NEW - Child Death booklet for schools and community groups

A new guidance document from Cumbria LSCB which aims to support schools and community groups when dealing with a child death providing information about the type of support available and where it can be found.

This booklet is available to download from the KAHSC website or directly from Cumbria LSCB <http://cumbrialscb.com/newsandevents.asp#1>

## New NSPCC online learning courses

The NSPCC has a range of short interactive online courses for those working with children to help with the issues they may come across. Two new courses have been developed in recent months; the first, 'It's Your Call' aims to help people who enter or have access to people's homes who may see or hear things that others may not. The course will help them to recognise the signs of abuse and neglect; feel

confident to trust their instincts and know how to report their concerns; offer support those who may have already witnessed signs of child abuse.

The second 'Managing sexualised behaviour in primary schools' is aimed for anyone who works in a primary school. The course gives individuals the skills to assess and manage incidents of sexualised behaviour within school, helping

them to recognise healthy sexual behaviours and respond to and record incidents effectively.

More information can be found at [www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/get-expert-training/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/get-expert-training/).

**NSPCC**   
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.