## The Safety Scene Making sense of safeguarding



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### our stars

Our Spring star is PENRUDDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Penruddock recently achieved a brilliant score in their Health and Safety Audit.

Hello and welcome to our Spring Health, Safety and Safeguarding newsletter. We are excited for a new year of change and challenges, but we are also looking forward to getting back to 'normal' or pre-2020 normal as much as possible.

We have now been back in schools and businesses for a few months doing audits and training. We have loved meeting so many new people in the past couple of months who have either joined us as a new customer or have begun a new role within an existing school or organisation.

In the past, we have made a conscious effort to personally meet with new managers and Head Teachers of schools to discuss what we have to offer as part of their contract and to provide peace of mind that all your health, safety and safeguarding areas will be covered. With so many staff changes, we have missed meeting many of you, if you believe you would benefit from a 1-2-1 session then please get in touch. Alternatively, we can send you out a welcome pack with all the information you need to take advantage of the service we have to offer.



# In court and notable incidents



Provisional work-related fatal injuries for 2020/2021 have been released showing 142 workers and 60 members of the public were killed due to work-related activities.

### Fatalities by industry 2020/21:

- Construction 39
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing 34
- Manufacturing 20
- Transportation and storage 10
- Wholesale, retail, motor repair, accom Contact with moving machinery 14 and food - 14
- Waste and recycling 3
- Admin and support services 11

### Accident kind:

- Fall from height 35
- Struct by moving vehicle 25
- Struck by moving, flying, falling object 17
- Trapped by something collapsing/overturning 14

### Helvellyn trip gone wrong

A North East school has been fined £35,000 after a group of year 10 pupils had to be rescued from the Lake District's Helvellyn mountain in freezing conditions when they headed to the summit, with some wearing just school shoes or trainers and led by untrained teachers in March



2020.

The adults had no formal qualifications in mountain leadership or experience of wintery conditions and were relying on a smartphone app for guidance. One of the boys fell over 60ft breaking his nose and a couple of fingers, another teenager "panicked", ran off and was eventually guided down by a member of the public. The rescue took nearly 4.5 hours and involved 22 mountain rescue team members.

You can read more about to injuries sustained and the rescue operation here

The school pleaded guilty to breaching sections 2(1) and 3(1) of The Health and Safety at Work (etc) act 1974. The school was fined £30,000 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £181 and costs of £4,574.90.

**Imagine source** 

# Arthur Labin jo-Hughes



Solihull: Arthur Labinjo-Hughes report uncovers help delay

Youngsters living where the six-year-old was killed face "drift and delay" in getting support.

Arthur, 6, was tragically murdered by his father and step mum in June 2020. The news shocked the country and caused outrage after video footage from their home was released outlining the abuse inflicted on Arthur leading up to the murder.

The Local Safeguarding Children Partnership for Solihull were handed a report on the 21st February 2022. An inspection was launched in December and took place from 10 -14th January 2022 to see whether safeguarding services have improved in Solihull since the death of Arthur in 2020.

In light of what happened, Solihull have set up an improvement board with an independent chair to begin work on improving safeguarding in the area. The report referenced some key areas that leaders must work to improve such as:

- Communication between agencies
- All agencies attendance, and engagement with, child protection meetings, discussions and information sharing forums
- A consistent recording of children's voices across all agencies
- All agencies' quality assurance processes to be scrutinised to ensure that there is consistent and effective auditing, monitoring and oversight
- Sharing learning from significant incidents with the wider workforce across the partnership

The report said Covid cannot be entirely to blame for the failures as the inspection identified longterm systemic issues that cannot be fully attributed to Covid. You can read more about the report by double clicking the image at the top of this page.

# Alright Charlie?

'Alright Charlie?' is a school safeguarding resource which aims to highlight the warning signs of grooming in an age appropriate way. It includes teachers' guidance, a children's workbook and a video seen through the eyes of Charlie who is being groomed by Danny. The video was created in 2016 and is still very relevant and useful to spot the signs of grooming.

### **Alright Charlie?**

Video

The resource is accessible to girls and boys with the viewer never discovering Charlie's gender.

Click **here** to download your free resources.

### Working with education to protect young people from exploitation

This toolkit, created by the The Children's Society's Disrupting Exploitation Programme team in Greater Manchester with support from CLIMB and Prevention, is to help school staff develop an understanding of exploitation and how best to respond.

### The toolkit is split into 3 parts:

- <u>The training hub</u> Training videos
- <u>Helpful documents</u> Resources that will support staff to safeguard children from exploitation.



<u>PHSE sessions</u> - Resources to support PHSE sessions focused on safety, consent and raising awareness of exploitation in an age appropriate way.

Your wellbeing and mental health is just as important as your physical health, and after recent world events, we should all aim for our own wellbeing to be a priority.

'Yes Futures' have created some wellbeing resources for school staff to guide staff through the development of their confidence, resilience, communication and self awareness.

Resources which can be added to planners include:

- Building confidence a guide, track achievements and challenges
- Increase self-awareness top tips, habit tracker and weekly check-in
- Communication parent call log, make the most of your free time
- Resilience a guide, reflection inserts, opportunities worksheet

Download your free school staff resources here

### The Children's Society

- Healthy relationships
- Online safety
- Exploitation
- Safety
- Unconscious bias
- Consent
- Appropriate language

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- Slang dictionary
- County lines



The Children's Commissioner for England brought together a group of 16–21 year-olds and asked them to tell us what they think parents should know, and what they should say to their children when talking about sexualised bullying and the pressures of growing up online. They were asked to think back to when they were a bit younger and tell us what their parents and carers did and said that was helpful and what wasn't.

### The main key topics covered were:

- Pornography
- Sharing nude images
- Sexualised bullying
- Editing photos and body image
- Peer pressure

### Click here for an easy to read the PDF

### Summary of top tips

- Don't wait for the crisis
- Don't mention it once and forget about it
- Don't scare them with 'the big talk'
- Don't punish before listening and understanding
- Don't pretend these issues don't exist

# Cyber Flashing



New laws have led to potential jail time of up to 2 years and offenders will be made to sign the sex offenders register for sending unsolicited explicit or sexual images via online sharing methods, as part of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Up to 2 in 5 adult women are reported to have received unwanted sexual images via Cyber flashing, however the figure is estimated to be more with most people not reporting it. Cyber Flashing is when you send/receive unwanted images to the unsuspecting public due to the ability of applications such as Apple's AirDrop, which allows photosharing among devices within a short distance of each other. MPs are hopeful that the online behaviour will soon become a crime in England and Wales, it has been illegal in Scotland since 2010.



## Highway code: Jan 2022

There was a significant change to the highway code in January 2022. Below are the main changes to remember when on the roads either as a driver, pedestrian or cyclist. You can read more about the changes **here**.

- Drivers no longer have priority at junctions
- Cyclists and horse riders have a responsibility to reduce risks to pedestrians
- All traffic must stop for pedestrians waiting to cross
- Cyclists can bike wherever they feel safest
- Drivers must wait for cyclists to pass

## **TOWING A TRAILER**

If you passed your car driving test from 1 January 1997, you're now allowed to tow trailers up to 3,500kg MAM.

DVLA will update your driving licence record to show that you're allowed to tow trailers. You do not need to contact DVLA for this to happen. It will be done automatically. You'll get category BE added when you next apply to get a new driving licence.

If you passed your car driving test before 1 January 1997, you are not affected by the change.

While we're on the subject of licences, please make sure your driving licence is up to date e.g. new home address, and has not expired as we are seeing many licences which have expired since the start of the pandemic.

# **TELEGRAM**

Telegram currently has over 1 billion users as of 2022, but what is it? Telegram was created by 2 brothers originally from Russia, they fled after resisting Russian government pressure, they then created Telegram which is an encrypted messaging app so they could communicate without anyone being able to read their messages. The brothers held two contests with prizes of \$200k & \$300k offered to anyone who could break through their security in order to prove it was a secure chat network to communicate - no-one managed to hack in. The app is incredibly popular with political activists and is being used widely during the Russian/Ukraine conflict to communicate both between combatants and civilians.

### Quick points

- It is ad free
- Secret chats can self-destruct
- You can completely delete messages This is a key feature as usually, when you delete a message, it only deletes on your own phone/account, with this feature, you can also delete it on their end, essentially deleting all proof that the message was ever sent.
- The app alerts the other user/group members if you take a screenshot of a secret chat
- You can search for groups with key words/common interests
- Telegram chats can have up to 200k people
- Video calls and voice group chats are available
- Telegram can be used on a mobile app or via a website on a computer

### Save the date



**WEEK** 6th - 12th June 2022



### Product Recalls virosmart - vs-500 ulv fogging machine

### Recalled 21/01/2022

The product has been identified as presenting a medium risk of electric shock as a number of products sold between 1 May and 7 September 2020 have noncompliant plugs which can expose live wiring at the base of the plug. If a user touches the plug when in use, they may receive an electric shock. The product does not meet the requirements of the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016

### KAHSC training and additional services

Upcoming training for summer and autumn terms are on our <u>training booking page</u>, it is regularly being updated with additional dates and spaces so please keep an eye out.

You can pay when you book using your card details or you can pay later via BACS or cheque, we just ask that payments are made (wherever possible) before the training takes place.



### Take advantage of our support

#### **Single Central Records**

We can check, update and amend (where necessary) your SCR for a small fee of £30 + VAT to make sure you are compliant with the most up to date guidance.

Please send your password protected SCR to kym@kymallanhsc.co.uk

#### On-site audits and support

Unfortunately we are now booked up until AFTER September for Health and Safety Audits and Fire Risk Assessments. There is lots of other support we can offer you though. Please give us a call to discuss any needs. CLICK HERE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

### Live webinars

We have held some very successful live webinar training sessions, and while we understand it won't ever be the same as 'in-person' training, we believe it is the most safe and secure way of providing training (and also saves on fuel!).

We can provide a range of training sessions online both open to everyone or closed just for your setting including:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead update
- Single Central Record training
- Online safety
- H&S essentials for governors and Head teachers
- Wellbeing awareness
- Work at height
- DSE
- and more

If you would like virtual training which is not on the list above, please contact us on 01228 210152 or e-mail <u>laura.sim@kymallanhsc.co.uk</u> and we will try our best to accommodate your requests.

### Recorded webinars available now

### Single Central Record

### £40 + VAT

Over 100 people attended Kym's 2 hour webinar which covered all the who, what, where and why's of the single central record.

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead Update**

### £75 + VAT

Carolyn Eyre delivered a 2 hour live webinar exploring the changes made to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2021 and their impact on the leadership and management of child protection in schools and other educational settings.

You can purchase the recordings of the webinars and watch at a time that suits you by e-mailing courtney.allan@kymallanhsc.co.uk