



Community Safety Promotion in Action: October is Community Safety Month in Australia



MICHAEL BOURNE AND HENK HARBERTS

Paper for
14th International Conference on Safe Communities
Bergen, Norway 14 June 2005



Affiliations:**Michael Bourne**

Project Director, Court Services, Department of Justice, Victoria
Member, Greater Dandenong Community Safety Committee
Member, Casey Safety Partnership
Co Chair of the Victorian Safe Communities Network, Melbourne Australia
Co Vice-Chair of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation
Student, Masters of Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institute, WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.

E-mail: bournefamily@inet.net.au AND michael.bourne@justice.vic.gov.au

Henk Harberts

Manager, Community Safety Promotion, Latrobe City Council
Chair of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation
Founding Member and Inaugural Chair of the Victorian Safe Communities Network
Inaugural Recipient, WHO International Distinguished Safe Community Award, 2004

E-mail: HenkHa@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Mailing Address –

VSCN Secretariat
c/o Barbara Minuzzo
Safety Centre, Royal Children's Hospital
Flemington Road
Parkville, Victoria, Australia 3052

Phone: +61 3 9345 5193

Fax: +61 3 9345 5086

Email: vscn.vscn@rch.org.au

The VSCN website is available at URL: www.vscn.org.au

ABSTRACT

Introduction: Safety promotion aims to mobilise communities to “think safe, act safe, feel safe and be safe” and then “Take the Steps to Safety” – the two messages for Community Safety Month (CSM). CSM was initiated by the Victorian Safe Communities Network in 1996 as Safe Community Week. The 5th International Safe Community Conference (SAFECOMM 5) was held during this week in Victoria. CSM also marks the designation of the City of Latrobe and Shire of Bulla (now City of Hume) as WHO Safe Communities. The past decade of community safety promotion in Australia has provided a sound base for the continuing growth of the community safety movement.

Objective: To discuss the future directions for CSM in Australia and internationally.

Method: The purpose, development, evaluation and future directions of Community Safety Month (CSM) will be discussed in an interactive conversation about safety promotion in action. This discussion will explore the mix of community, business, researchers and agency involvement and the objectives of the many partners.

Results: The initial celebration in 1996 became Community Safety Week in 1997, and then in 2002 it evolved into Community Safety Month which is now celebrated annually in October across Australia. CSM promotes a partnership based approach to raising awareness of safe practices in the community. The evaluation of CSM 2004 found that 1045 activities were registered across 87% of the 79 municipal / local governments in Victoria. Over 80 percent of these were planned and conducted by local partnerships, more than half of which were new partnerships. 99 percent of event organisers stated their intention to participate again in 2005. The crime prevention agencies in Australia have adopted the first week in October as Crime Prevention Week, and the safe workplace agencies have endorsed the last week in October as Workplace Safety Week. Activities are being planned across Australia for CSM 2005.

Conclusion: What would it take to achieve the vision for an internationally coordinated celebration of community safety promotion throughout the global safe community network? This would indeed be a fitting development for the planned celebrations in Australia for the 10th anniversary of Community Safety Month in 2006.

CSM websites: for current program materials, and plans for CSM October 2005 -
Victoria - <http://www.communitysafetymonth.com.au/index.asp>
Western Australia - <http://www.communitysafetymonth.wa.gov.au/>

Safety Resource for Schools – including ways to involve school students through developing Student Action teams:
http://www.norlanehs.vic.edu.au/safety_index.htm

Key words: community safety month, events, mobilisation, safety promotion.



The Safe Communities Network and Community Safety Month:

The journey towards an international celebration of community safety promotion.

CONTENTS

1. FROM SMALL THINGS - GREAT THINGS GROW	5
2. WHY HAVE A COMMUNITY SAFETY WEEK / MONTH	7
3. CSM IN VICTORIA	9
4. CSM AND THE VSCN	13
5. CSM ACROSS AUSTRALIA	15
6. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR CSM TO GO INTERNATIONAL?	18





1. From Small Things - Great Things Grow

Community Safety Month (CSM) was initiated by the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) as Safe Community Week from 18 to 25 February 1996.

The 5th International Safe Community Conference (SAFECOMM 5) was held in the City of Hume and Shire of Latrobe in Victoria during this week, attracting 170 delegates from 19 countries. The highlight of the week was the induction of the Shire of Latrobe and City of Hume into the WHO Safe Community Network.

The group of community safety workers that came together ten years ago to prepare for SAFECOMM 5 in Victoria included representatives from –

- City of Hume
- Shire of Latrobe
- Health and Safety Organisation (now WorkSafe)
- Urban Land Authority
- KidSafe
- Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre
- Monash University Accident Research Centre
- Victorian Community Council Against Violence
- VicRoads, and
- Victoria Police

This group stayed together after the conference and the first Safe Community Week was over, and decided in 1996 to become the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN).

As the VSCN approaches its 10th birthday, it now has over 80 organisations as members with over 150 representatives across Victoria and Australia, all supporting community safety promotion activities in their local areas and agencies all year around – and particularly in October during CSM.

This initial week of safety promotion and celebration has developed over the years into an Australia-wide Community Safety Month. A copy of the original announcement is in **Attachment 1**.



The history from 1996 to 2004 is recorded on the National Library of Australia archived website at –
<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/tep/22560> also cited as <http://nla.gov.au/nla.arc-22560>

CSM is currently coordinated in Victoria by the Department of Justice through Crime Prevention Victoria (CPV), with four themed weeks each coordinated by different agencies as follows:

- Crime Prevention Week – coordinated by CPV
- Emergency Services Week – coordinated by the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner
- Injury Prevention Week – coordinated by the Department of Human Services
- Workplace Safety Week – coordinated by WorkSafe Victoria.

This single event, initially focused on two municipalities in the outer urban and regional parts of Victoria, has rapidly evolved into a nation-wide month of community safety celebrations. CSM is now held each October in hundreds of communities across Australia, with thousands of events involving hundreds of thousands of community members and agency personnel.





2. Why Have a Community Safety Week / Month

There remains a large gap between our knowledge of what works to prevent injuries and how much of this knowledge is being applied in everyday activities. SCW was initiated to raise awareness of community safety issues and increase the profile of injury prevention efforts.

Changing culture and attitudes takes many years, even decades. Changing the environment, the settings where injuries occur, can also take years. However, short-term behaviour changes can be effected through education and enforcement. Injury prevention programs need to include a mixture of long- and short-term goals.

The three primary safety promotion and injury prevention goals are to –

- a. Adopt risk management behaviours – encouragement, regulatory and enforcement regimes which positively encourage safe behaviours and discourage or sanction unsafe behaviours
- b. Create safe environments – social and physical surroundings or conditions that support the management of risks and prevention of injury.
- c. Implement a positive safety culture – a shared set of beliefs, attitudes, values and ways of behaving that support the prevention of injury.

CSM is a community based safety promotion month which provides a real opportunity for community initiatives to be showcased and encouraged.

CSM is supported by Premiers and Ministers, at launches and openings and at specific events held during the month. CSM is a mobilisation program promoting a partnership approach to raising the awareness of safe practices in the community. It can also be considered a demonstration program, on how to establish the linkages needed to promote social cohesion.

A strong feature of CSM is its focus on promoting integrated and “joined up” approaches to safety issues rather than continuing the “silos” approaches, by encouraging partnerships. No other program galvanises safety activities to the level achieved by CSM across so many diverse communities and locations.

Activities include: workshops, seminars, information dissemination, shopping centre displays, safety demonstrations and classroom presentations. These are registered online (after vetting). Anyone from any country across the globe can register an event for this coming October – we already have many events registered from other states, and it would be good to also know more about safety activities in other places so that the good ideas can be spread far and wide.



Safety affects all facets of our lives. Crime, violence, injury or an emergency can take place in our homes, at work or school, during sport and leisure activities, on transport and in public places. Injury is a significant cause of death, illness and disability in our community, and harm from violent crime affects people of all ages and from all backgrounds.

Local communities, groups, schools, regional services, businesses, state and local government departments and agencies, are encouraged to build community safety partnerships by organising safety activities with other organisations and groups. For those with already established partnerships, CSM provides an ideal opportunity to showcase existing safety programs or develop new ones.

Participation in CSM demonstrates commitment to maintaining Victoria as the safest state in Australia. Promoting safety and safe practices within communities contributes to increasing the confidence of Victorians about safety.

The operational and contact details for CSM are shown in **Attachment 2**.





3. CSM in Victoria

The 1996 Safe Community Week concept took off with the VSCN and the Victorian Community Council Against Violence (VCCAV) jointly coordinating a Community Safety Week (CSW) in 1997, 1998 and 1999. VCCAV also coordinate the Week Against Violence.

CSW was launched by the Minister for Industry Services in 1996. The Premier launched CSW in September, 1999. The reference group initially formed in 1997 to coordinate CSW progressively grew into an interdepartmental and sponsors reference group for CSM. In 2000 CSW was jointly coordinated by VSCN and the newly created crime prevention agency, CPV. The CSW Reference Group included managers across departments and agencies working with business and local government representatives.

Since 2000, when responsibility for the coordination of CSM transferred to CPV, the Chair of the VSCN Executive and the Director of CPV have jointly chaired the Community Safety Reference Group which is the coordinating council for the planning and development of CSM. The coordinators of the themed weeks are members of this reference group together with public relations / communications managers from government departments, local government associations, and the policy managers in the injury prevention, crime prevention, emergency services and workplace safety fields.

CSW 2001 was launched by the Premier, and the 7 days were broken into 14 themed half days to allow every Ministerial portfolio across government an opportunity to link their activities with community safety – to increase understanding of the key message that community safety is everyone's responsibility.

The 14 themes for CSW in 2001 were –

- Safety for Regional and Rural Victorians
- Safety in the Home
- Violence Prevention
- Safety in Schools
- Victims Services
- Crime Prevention
- Safety in Public Places / Transport Safety
- Safety in the Workplace / Farm Safety
- Consumer / Product Safety
- Injury Prevention
- Safety for Women
- Safety for Older Victorians
- Sports and Recreation Safety
- Road Safety





Some of the members of the Inter-Departmental Reference Group consider graphics for Community Safety Week 2001.

Back row: Erika Owens, Victorian Community Council Against Violence, Al Laczoffy, Victoria Police, Bill Horman, Victorian Safe Communities Network, Michael Bourne, Co-Chair, Crime Prevention Victoria, Leanne Bryce, Department of Infrastructure, Henk Harberts, Co-Chair, City of Latrobe, Diane Edwards, City of Melbourne, Con Allimonos, Victorian Multicultural Commission.

Front row: Nicola Rabot, Department of Human Services, Caroline Jackson, Community Safety Week Coordinator, Veronica Goluza, Department of Infrastructure.

Absent members are from the Victoria SES, gAW, Office of Women's Policy, Victims Referral and Assistance Service, WorkCover and Department of Education, Employment and Training. Altogether there are 20 members of the group.

Community Safety Interdepartmental Reference Group for CSW 2001 - working on choosing the current CSM logo.

The evaluation of CSW 2001 validated the success of the week, but also showed that the various messages were too crowded in the short time of a week. The event was thus built into a month of community safety celebrations across Victoria for 2002, with four themed weeks to allow for more focused messages – crime prevention, emergency services, injury prevention and business and community safety. The participation in CSM grew again in 2003 and further in 2004, with Workplace Safety as the fourth theme for these years.



**Launch of Business and Community Safety Week 2002
Mitre 10 Hardware Store, Geelong Melbourne, 21 October, 2002,**

“Community Safety Month 2003 was a successful event. Performance targets were met, or exceeded, in most cases. The program continues to provide value to the organisations which provide activities, and is useful to those who participate”.
[Report on the Evaluation of CSM 2003, Elvins Consulting, Crime Prevention Victoria, Feb 2004, p5]

The growth of Community Safety Week and Community Safety Month is demonstrated in the following table.

Year	Activities	Organisations	Partnerships	LGA's	Schools	Audience
SCW 1996	159	9	100%	2 (1% of 214)	N/A	N/A
CSW 2000	520	300	N/A	51 (66%)	N/A	N/A
CSW 2001	640	450	83%	69 (88%)	N/A	N/A
CSM 2002	700	500	80%	64 (81%)	65	100,000 est
CSM 2003	915	550	80%	71 (90%)	105	120,000 est
CSM 2004	1045	695	85%	69 (88%)		

[Sources: 1996 – Private communications with organisers; 2000 to 2003 - Report on the Evaluation of CSM 2003, Elvins Consulting, CPV, Feb 2004, p10; 2004 - Summary of the 2004 Evaluation of CSM, CPV, Dec 2004 (copy in Attachment 3); N/A Not available]

“Community Safety Month has become a significant government program involving the cooperation of many government departments and agencies, and organisations in the business, education and community sectors.”
[Report on the Evaluation of CSM 2003, Elvins Consulting, CPV, Feb 2004, p10]

“Community Safety Month (CSM) is a significant Victorian government program that delivers on the State Government's commitments through *Growing Victoria Together*, to 'improve community safety and confidence'. It can also be considered a model program that demonstrates how to establish linkages across Victoria that 'promote social cohesion'. [Summary of the 2004 Evaluation of CSM, CPV, Dec 2004]



A copy of the Evaluation Report on the 2003 CSM is available. A brief summary of the evaluation of CSM 2004 in Victoria is in **Attachment 3**. The extent of involvement of agencies and LGA's, the number of events registered, and the reach across diverse communities has grown each year, as shown in **Attachment 4**.

Next steps for CSM in Victoria are to –

- Continue working to secure the engagement of all 10 State Government Departments, including the newly created Department for Victorian Communities
- Continue building the safe community network across all 79 local government areas (LGA's) in Victoria, including working with the Royal Children's Hospital State-wide Safety Centre Network
- Launch the Dean Phillips Apprentice OH&S Award, supported by the VSCN in Workplace Safety Week in October 2005
- Launch the VSCN Safety Ambassadors Network for Technical and Further Education (TAFE) Colleges and businesses, especially small business – our first TAFE College Safety Ambassadors will be Box Hill TAFE – to be inducted on 17 November 2005 at the 3rd VSCN Annual Conference
- Consider emerging themes - such as integrating workplace safety training and general safety awareness into the schools education program – the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission has adopted this as a national target, and is working with states to initially develop a program for Year 10 students across Australia, to be followed by an integrated program from kindergarten to Year 12
- Look at other emerging themes for future years – like water safety
- Secure stronger business involvement in partnership with the VSCN, agencies, and local and state governments
- Plan for a VSCN community safety workshop in regional Victoria, probably in Shepparton
- Prepare for the 10th anniversary celebrations in February 2006, when the VSCN will be holding a regional safety promotion forum in the City of Latrobe.



4. CSM and the VSCN

The VSCN was born from the combined efforts of the people who organised SAFECOMM 5 and the initial Safe Community Week in 1996, and through their efforts this has evolved into the CSM we see today. CSM has grown from this initiative of the VSCN. The VSCN has been an integral part of the development of CSW and CSM through its nine year history. The VSCN Executive has continuously and vigorously supported the development of CSM in Victoria as the key activity in its strategic directions for spreading the community safety vision across Victoria.

The VSCN has also played the central role in the growth of CSM into an Australia wide month to celebrate community safety promotion activities, initiatives and results. The VSCN is now working with the Australian Safe Communities Foundation (ASCF) to coordinate CSM activities through the state SC Networks. VSCN and ASCF are also working with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion (WHO CC CSP) at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, to promote the development of the CSM concept into an international community safety month.

Each year since the inception of CSM in 1996, VSCN members have been directly involved in the vast majority of the local events registered, as well as being the local coordinators for events in their local government area or their agency.

The initial theme for CSW was “think SAFE, act SAFE, feel SAFE, be SAFE” which was then, and remains today, the motto for the VSCN.



Outdoor roadside sign promoting CSM 2002 (16m x 4 m)





The current CSM theme, “Take the Steps to Safety” was initiated by VSCN members for the initial Safe Community Week, and was again picked up by a local community safety program, when the City of Greater Dandenong adopted “the 10 steps to safety” as its local CSM theme in 2002. This developed into “Take the Steps to Safety” for the state-wide program in 2003 with the launch on the steps to Parliament House. This theme was repeated in 2004, and has been confirmed as the continuing theme for 2005.



CSM Launch 2003 – on the Steps of Parliament House, Melbourne, Australia.

The VSCN has also traditionally hosted the CSM closing event, beginning with the very first week in 1996, when the Shire of Latrobe held the first Safety Sunday on February 25, 1996 to celebrate their accreditation as a WHO Safe Community and to thank all the people who had worked so hard towards that goal, as well as convening the SAFECOMM 5 conference and the Safe Community Week activities.

Following a successful luncheon and seminar held with the Melbourne City Council to close CSM in 2002, the VSCN held its first annual conference on 30 October 2003 as the closing event for CSM 2003. This was a huge success and well regarded by the participants. However, the overwhelming feedback from the field to the VSCN organisers and Executive was a plea to move the conference into November, so that the VSCN members could focus entirely on their local CSM events during October, and take a breath before coming together to celebrate the success of the month and the year and re-energise and plan for the year ahead.

The 2nd annual VSCN Conference was held on 16 November 2004, with planning well underway for the 3rd annual VSCN conference on 17 November 2005.

VSCN has directly supported CSM from day one through both its volunteer executive and its growing network of local government, agency and business members. It is currently seeking further involvement of business partners in support of CSM.



5. CSM Across Australia

As CSM has evolved in Victoria, it has also been developing in other states, with national Crime Prevention and Workplace Safety Weeks now held in October each year. The Week Without Violence is also held in October.

Whilst there is not a central coordinator for CSM in **New South Wales (NSW)**, many local governments and local communities in NSW have participated fully in CSM activities since CSW 2000, utilising the supports provided through the CSW, CSM and VSCN websites, including registering events.

The Office of Crime Prevention (OCP) sponsored the first CSM in **Western Australia (WA)** in 2004, with a range of themes including crime prevention, injury prevention, emergency services, road safety and women's safety. The Injury Control Council of WA (ICCWA), a not-for-profit community based agency, has announced OCP's plans for CSM in 2005, including a work safety theme. ICCWA is responsible for coordinating the injury prevention theme and provides the media spokesperson for the month. ICCWA is a member of the organising committee, the evaluation working group and the media subcommittee. The banner from the WA website is below.



The WA CSM activities are detailed on the following OCP website - <http://www.communitysafetymonth.wa.gov.au/>

Queensland Emergency Services Department also joined CSW in 2000. The Queensland Safe Community Support Centre (QSCSC) has joined the nation-wide CSM coordinating team in 2005 and is making arrangements for a full CSM program in October, 2005, including their inaugural annual conference on 24 / 25 October, 2005.



The QSCSC website is at - <http://www.safecommunitiesqld.org/modcore/HomePage/frontend/index.asp>





The Queensland commitment to CSM activities was announced in the SAFECOMM Weekly News on 2 January 2005 –

<http://www.norsafety.no/SCWN/2005/SCWN02January2005.pdf>

In **South Australia (SA)** Safe Work Week was held in October/November from 1996 to 2002, with a major OHS Conference for Health & Safety Representatives presented jointly by SA Unions and Business SA. Responsibility for the week transferred to Workplace Services in 2004, with major events planned for October 2005.

The **Northern Territory (NT)** Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs coordinated a Water Safety Week in October 2004, and have announced that it will be repeated in 2005

http://www.dcdsca.nt.gov.au/dcdsca/intranet.nsf/pages/ws_week



Plans are also well advanced through the NSW, SA and NT representatives on the ASCF Executive Committee for these jurisdictions to establish Safe Community Support networks and to extend the CSM effort in 2005 and 2006. The ASCF has also agreed to an action plan for 2005 / 06 which includes developing links with the ACT and Tasmania to establish a comprehensive network of state based safe community support networks linked with the ASCF national network. Keeping CSM moving forward across all jurisdictions is a central part of this action plan.

The heads of workplace safety agencies across Australia have recently decided to hold a joint national workplace safety week in the 4th week in October each year and have agreed to a national award scheme which will see the state OHS award programs coming together for a national award celebration of OHS excellence during that week.

The police agencies across Australia are all involved in a coordinated crime prevention week in October, along with the respective Crime Prevention Agencies where jurisdictions have these.



Next steps in the development of the nation-wide CSM in Australia are –

- ASCF has adopted the continuing development of a nation wide CSM as part of its Action Plan for 2005 / 2006
- A National CSM Coordinating Team has been developed with the coordinators from each of the participating states (Victoria, NSW, WA, Qld, SA and NT) brought together through the ASCF in a virtual team
- Victoria to hold its 9th CSM in 2005 and to prepare for the 10th anniversary celebrations in 2006
- NSW local safe community coalitions to continue to participate and a coordinating agency to be nominated – being supported through the ASCF
- WA Office of Crime Prevention coordinating the second WA CSM in 2005 supported by ICCWA
- Queensland SCSC coordinating the first Queensland CSM in 2005
- Discussions proceeding with SA and NT to introduce CSM activities in 2005 and 2006
- Discussions to be commenced with ACT and Tasmanian representatives



6. What would it take for CSM to go international?

There are already many safety related days and weeks in the calendars of many nations. An internet search has revealed a very diverse range of over 80 days, weeks or months of safety celebrations or awareness promotions across Asia, Australia, New Zealand, North America, Canada, USA, Mexico, Europe, UK and India, as well as some that are already global – as listed in **Attachment 5**. We will be keen for people to add to this list, as there will be many more days, weeks or months that have not yet been listed.

Our collective vision in Australia is to see the progressive development of a coordinated international celebration of community safety promotion annually across all the nations in the WHO Safe Community network. These need not all be held during the month of October, as other times of the year may better suit local conditions in different nations.

Next steps for CSM internationally, to work towards realising this vision, are to –

- the 2004 evaluation summary report has been circulated in the "Safe Community Weekly News" No. 4, February 2005
- present the CSM story in an interactive workshop with CS practitioners from around the world at SAFECOMM 14 in Bergen, Norway in June 2005 – this paper provides the background – to raise the profile of CSM internationally.
- prepare a formal proposal for a World CSM to be adopted and coordinated by the WHO CC on CSP in Sweden as the international celebration of community safety promotion initiatives and results
- include a stream in each of the future international SC conferences on the development of CSM in designated WHO Safe Communities across the WHO Network. The future SAFECOMM Conferences could be a major feature of the CSM activities in the country where the conferences are being held.
- ASCF to work with the Canadian Safe Communities Foundation and the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand to develop parallel community safety promotion celebrations in their safe community networks

Michael Bourne and Henk Harberts

June 2005






Attachment 1

Safe Community Week - 18 to 25 February 1996

A copy of the original notification for Safe Community Week, 1996.



Safe Community Week 1996
February 18 - 25
Health and Safety Organisation, Victoria



All Victorians can take simple actions to help make their local communities safer.

The Minister for Industry Services, the Hon. Roger Pescott and the Health and Safety Organisation, Victoria invite you to take an active role in promoting safety in the community - at work, home, on the roads and during sport and leisure activities. Safe Community Week encourages all Victorians to benefit from the momentum generated by SafeComm 5 - the Fifth International Conference on Safe Communities, to be held in the City of Hume and the Shire of La Trobe, on 22 - 25 February 1996.

A highlight of Safe Community Week will be the induction of the City of Hume and the Shire of La Trobe into the prestigious WHO International Network of Safe Communities, in recognition of their ongoing commitment to systematic programs for injury prevention.

Join other Victorians and take simple steps to help make your local community safer -

- Report hazards
- Check your home and car for unsafe conditions
- Invest in a safety device
- Seek information from a safety agency
- Attend training sessions
- Set up a display

Here are some simple ideas for Community Safety:

Families - Can you make your home safer? Have you got smoke detectors, safety switches and a safe play area for the children? Visit the new Kidsafe display home at Roxburgh Park Home Expo. Check children's car restraints at an RACV authorised restraint checking station. Visit a safety display or Centre. Book into a children's first aid course. Give the gift of safety to someone you love - a night light, helmet, mouthguard or restraint harness.

Family and Children's Services - put on a safety display, arrange a children's safety training session for parents through the Safety Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Farms and rural backyards - clear away fire fuel, secure hazardous machinery and chemicals, fence off the dam from toddlers, don't take passengers on tractors or ride-on mowers.



Hospitals and Community Health Centres - provide relevant safety information to patients, clients and visitors.

Local Government - launch a public safety program, inspect play equipment, conduct a safety audit of arterial roads and council properties, provide home safety information for seniors and families with young children, put on safety displays in shopping centres, maternal and child health centres or pre-schools, conduct a footpath safety audit.

Local Organisations - Carry out a simple safety audit of your facility or a public place, where there may be the risk of injury or violence and report any concerns to the responsible authority. Look out for low hanging trees, uneven footpaths or poorly lit spots in public pedestrian areas.

Retailers - Promote your safety goods and services with displays, discounts and special deals.

Safety Organisations - Launch a special campaign or promotion during Safe Community Week 1996.

Schools - Inspect your play equipment. Carry out a safety audit of all indoor areas at school. Arrange an Aussie Sports Expo to introduce children to modified sports which are safer and more fun for children. Teach safety in the classroom using ideas from VicRoads, Fire Brigade, Kidsafe or Hospitals.

Workplaces - Carry out a walk-through inspection, get everyone involved - your organisation will benefit. Purchase SafetyMAP from HSO and map out a comprehensive safety strategy to serve your needs. Run a manual handling safety training session for your workers. Offer a free set of safety glasses for your workers to use at home to help 'drive the safety message home'.

For further information and ideas contact:

Health and Safety Organisation, Victoria - Local Offices

Hume City Council (03) 9301 3253

La Trobe Safe Communities (051) 348 783

La Trobe Shire (051) 731 400



HSO
HEALTH & SAFETY
ORGANISATION
VICTORIA

Department of Business and Employment



La Trobe
SHIRE



HUME
City Council





Attachment 2

CSM Operations and Contacts

The following is an extract from the VSCN CSM webpage – <http://www.vscn.org.au/safeweek.htm>

**Take the steps to safety
No step is too small in making our community safer;
organise a safety activity - take preventative action**

Activities are organised around the four themed weeks of Community Safety Month:

1st Week in October	Crime Prevention Week
2nd Week in October	Emergency Services Week
3rd Week in October	Injury Prevention Week
4th Week in October	Work Safe Week

Community Safety Month practises a partnership-based approach, with over 80% of activities organised in partnership between two or more different organisations, groups or government agencies.

Some examples of activities you can organise are:

- Promote Community Safety Month in your organisation's newsletters and on your website
- Organise a community forum or seminar on a community safety topic of your choice
- Run competitions with a safety theme in your local newspaper or organisation's newsletter
- Distribute information (flyers/leaflets) to promote your organisation and their safety message
- Undertake safety audits of local areas - home, business, and shopping centre
- Prepare a safety display for your local shopping centre
- Launch safety projects and campaigns in your area
- Run practical workshops on safety, e.g. a self-defence seminar
- Work with other local organisations to jointly promote community safety
- Involve local celebrities or well-known social figures to endorse your event and/or messages
- Create an "open day" style event, enticing the public to get an "inside look" at the safety measures you have in place



Check the Community safety month website
www.communitysafetymonth.com.au
for more activity suggestions and don't forget to register your activity.

For more information on how you can get involved in Community Safety Month please contact:

Ahmed Safi
Community Safety Month Coordinator
Crime Prevention Victoria
Department of Justice
PHONE(03) 9651 7404
Email: ahmed.safi@justice.vic.gov.au
www.communitysafetymonth.com.au

CSM is also featured on the VSCN website - <http://vscn.org.au/>



Attachment 3

Evaluation of the Victorian CSM, October 2004



Community Safety Month (CSM) is a significant Victorian government program that delivers on the State Government's commitments through *Growing Victoria Together*, to 'improve community safety and confidence'. It can also be considered a model program that demonstrates how to establish linkages across Victoria that 'promote social cohesion'.

Community Safety Month was initiated in 1996 by the Victorian Safe Communities Network and is currently coordinated by Crime Prevention Victoria, Department of Justice. It is broken up into four weeks in October, Crime Prevention Week 3 - 9, Emergency Services Week 10 -16, Injury Prevention Week 17 - 23 and Work Safe Week 23 - 29.

As a mobilisation program CSM promotes a partnership based approach to raising the awareness of safe practices in the Victorian community, mobilising people with a safety responsibility, or interest, to organise a safety-related activity within their community.

Some examples of activities run in 2004 are; safety displays at local shopping centres, self-defence workshops, seminars promoting community safety and "open days" that entice the public to get an "inside look" at the safety measures that organisations have in place.

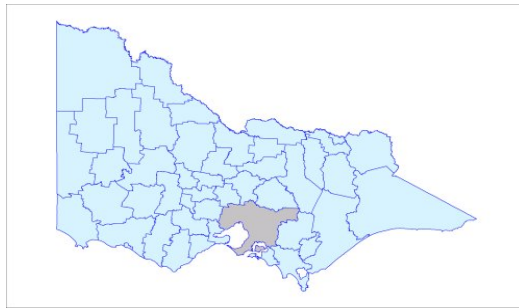
The preliminary results of the CSM 2004 evaluation are now in, and reflect the continuing success of CSM. In 2004 1045 CSM activities were registered, with 85.2 percent of those activities were planned in partnership and 56 percent of those partnerships were new.

Activities were spread across the four themed weeks, with 23 percent of all activities taking place during Crime Prevention Week, 22 percent during Emergency Services Week, 28 percent during Injury Prevention Week and 28 percent during Work Safe Week. 60.5 percent of all activities were planned to fit into the themed weeks

Location of Activities

Activities were organised across 88 percent of local government areas.

72% of activities occurred in metropolitan areas, and 28% of activities were located in rural Victoria.



Minister Andre Haermeyer at the Emergency Service Week 2004 Launch with emergency services personnel



The local government areas with the greatest representation during the month were:

Metro local government area	Activities
Melbourne City	73
Maribyrnong City	40
Melton Shire	38
Darebin City	33
Greater Dandenong City	30
Casey City	28
Moreland City	27
Hume City	20
Whitehorse City	19
Monash City	18

Rural local government area	Activities
Ballarat City	20
Greater Shepparton City	14
Moyne Shire	13
Latrobe City	11
Greater Geelong City	10
Baw Baw Shire	9
Southern Grampians Shire	9
Wangaratta Rural City	9
Warrnambool City	9
Glenelg Shire	8

CSM organisers:

- 19.2% were new participants to CSM 2004
- 99.2% said they will participate in CSM 2005
- 100% found CSM a cost-effective initiative for their organisation
- 92.1% met most or all of their activity aims and objectives





***Savvy shopping centre stand with staff from CPV,
City of Maribyrnong, MFB, NHW and Lockwood***

The preliminary results found that CSM 2004 was a successful campaign, with performance targets being met, or exceeded, in most cases. It found that the program continues to provide value to the organisations that undertake activities, and is useful to those who participate in those activities. Over 99 percent of organisers have stated their intention to participate in the program again in 2005.

The value of CSM is in its success in raising awareness of safety issues, in bringing the various components of the safety community together and the opportunity it gives safety organisations to promote their activities.

Attachment 4 - Growth of Community Safety Month in Victoria

Year	Title	Coordination	Launch And Venue	Dep'ts	LGA's (Total = 79)	Organisations	Events Reg'd	P'ships	School Safety Programs	Vulnerable & Indigenous Groups	Closing Event / Wrap up
1996	SCW* 18-25 Feb	VSCN	Minister for Industry Services	3 / 27	2	9	159	100%			Latrobe Mayor Safety Sunday
1997	CSW** 7-13 Sep	VSCN, VCCA		6 / 27	22	30	50				
1998	CSW 6-12 Sep	VCCA, VSCN					230				
1999	CSW 5-11 Sep	VCCA, VSCN	Premier Redmond Barry Room	6 / 8		180	440				
2000	CSW 3-9 Sep	VSCN, CPV	Premier Southbank	6 / 8	51 (66%)	300	520				
2001	CSW 2-8 Sep	CPV, VSCN	Deputy Premier, Min for Health and Min for P&ES - Basketball	8 / 8	69 (88%)	450	650	83%			
2002	CSM*** October	CPV, VSCN	Minister, P&ES Eastern Hill Fire Stn	8 / 9	64 (81%)	500	714	80%	65	200 2	VSCN / MCC Seminar
2003	CSM October	CPV, VSCN	Minister, P&ES Steps of Parliament	8 / 9	71 (90%)	550	915	80%	105	268 7	VSCN 1 st Annual Conference 30/10/03
2004	CSM October	CPV, VSCN	Minister, P&ES	8 / 9	69 (88%)	695	1045	85%			VSCN 2 nd Annual Conference 16/11/04
2005 (plan)	CSM October	CPV, VSCN	TBA	9 / 10	79 (100%)	750	1200	87%			VSCN 3rd Annual Conference 17/11/05

* Safe Community Week

** Community Safety Week

*** Community Safety Month

Attachment 5

Community Safety Celebrations (Designated Days, Weeks, or Months) Across the Globe

(Based on an Internet search using the keywords - safety week, safety month, community safety week and community safety month, combined with different country names)

No	Designation	Country	Dates	Web link and Details
International				
(1)	World Health Day	Inter-national	7 April each year	http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2005/en/
(2)	ILO World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2005	Inter-national	28 April each year	<p>http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/worldday/index.htm The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is intended to focus international attention on promoting and creating a preventative safety and health culture at work and to help reduce the number of work-related deaths each year. This year, as in previous years, tripartite events have taken place world wide, and a number of products are available from this web page. You are invited to join us in promoting this important day</p> <p>http://agency.osha.eu.int/links/events/worlddayreport_en.pdf The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is held on 28 April each year, a date that was first marked by the ILO in 2001 and 2002. The first year that the Day was held in its present form was in 2003, when the ILO used it to promote the concept of creating and sustaining a safety and health culture at work - a theme that was continued in 2004. The focus of the World Day 2005 is on the prevention of work-related accidents and ill-health, again under the overarching theme of promoting a "preventative safety and health culture". The concept of having a World Day for Safety and Health at Work is rooted in the Workers Memorial Day, which was started by American and Canadian workers in 1989 in order to commemorate dead and injured workers annually on 28 April. The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and Global Union Federations made this into a global event, expanding its scope to embrace the notion of sustainable work and workplaces. The International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers is now observed in over one hundred countries. On World Day 2005, governments, employers' and workers' organizations are encouraged to conduct awareness raising activities within their areas of influence on the theme of accident and ill-health prevention. Meanwhile, everyone engaged in the world of work is encouraged to consider their working practices and to identify whether preventative action could avoid injuries and ill health, not only on 28 April but throughout the year. We invite you to join with us in promoting this important day.</p> <p>http://agency.osha.eu.int/news/events/en/28_04_2005/1/index.htm Advocacy to raise awareness about safe and unsafe practices and the need to move occupational safety and health up the political agenda is a key tool in the ILO's response to the changing face of occupational safety and health. World Day for Safety and Health at Work is a major component of the ILO's efforts to raise the profile of occupational safety and health by motivating governments, employers and workers to highlight the importance of a preventative safety and health culture on 28th April and to work on a making a safe and healthy workplaces a reality during the rest of the year</p>

(3)	Week Without Violence	International	16-22 Oct, 2005	<p>http://www.weekwithoutviolence.ca/index.html</p> <p>"The YWCA Week Without Violence is a violence prevention initiative of YWCA Canada. During the week of October 16th to the 22nd, 2005 connect with your friends, family and neighbours to build safer communities across Canada. You can participate in a number of ways. For example you can make a personal pledge or plan an event in your community. All the information on how to get involved is on this website. Everyone is welcome to join us in stopping violence! Last year more than 45,000 people in more than 600 schools, workplaces and community organizations across Canada participated. This year we invite you to make violence a thing of the past."</p> <p>http://www.ywca.org.au/weekwithoutviolence.htm</p> <p>The YWCA global campaign against violence puts the issue on the public agenda and asks individuals, like you, to take responsible action against the aggression around you. This site offers practical strategies and contacts for responding to the increasing incidents of violence around you. The World YWCA Week Without Violence takes place in the third week of October each year. In Australia every week one in six children is bullied, every day a person is murdered, every hour someone reports a sexual assault while many more suffer in silence. Every minute you spend thinking there is nothing you can do - is another minute nothing is done.</p>
(4)	World Anti-poverty Day	International	Sunday 17 Oct 2003	<p>http://www.ozspirit.info/2003/65.html</p> <p>The first national Anti-Poverty Week is being organised this year by an Australia-wide consortium of community organisations, including Caritas Australia. The Week coincides with World Food Day on October 16 and International Anti-Poverty Day on October 17, both of which are so designated by the United Nations.</p>
(5)	Global Road Safety Week	International	April 2007	<p>http://www.fiafoundation.com/policy/road_safety/news/un_road_safety_week_set_for_2007.html</p> <p>A global road safety week will be held in 2007 to raise awareness about road traffic injuries, a UN body in Geneva has agreed. The Road Traffic Safety Working Group of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) has approved plans to bring forward its four yearly road safety week to 2007 and to globalise the campaign, in recognition of the urgent nature of the road traffic injury problem facing many parts of the developing world. A proposal from the FIA Foundation that the week should particularly focus on the road safety needs of children, young road users and novice drivers was also approved. The last road safety week was held in April 2004, to coincide with the first WHO World Health Day dedicated to road safety. Delegates of the UN regional commissions for Latin America, Africa and Western Asia attending the UNECE meeting also gave their support to the plan for a global campaign. As well as most European nations, governments represented at the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety include the United States, Canada and Russia.</p>
Community Safety				
(6)	Community Safety and Crime Prevention Week	Canada	1-7 Nov, 2004	<p>http://www.gnb.ca/0276/cpw/</p> <p>In the early 1980's, the New Brunswick Police Commission created NB Crime Prevention Week. In 1983, Canada's Solicitor General joined in and began a campaign that observed November 1st to 7th as National Crime Prevention Week. Activities fell dormant in 1987 until 1995, when the former provincial Department of the Solicitor General revitalized the week in collaboration with the newly formed Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick. (http://www.gnb.ca/0276/cpw/#what)</p>
(7)	Community Safety Month	Australia	Oct Each year	<p>http://www.communitysafetymonth.com.au/index.asp</p> <p>http://www.vscn.org.au/safeweek.htm</p> <p>http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/CA2569020010922A/page/Safety-Community+Safety-Community+Safety+Month?OpenDocument&1=0-Safety-~&2=0-Community+Safety-~&3=0-Community+Safety+Month-October+is+Community+Safety+Month. During October this year, Victorians are encouraged to take the steps towards enhancing their safety and the safety of others by organising activities aimed at reducing crime, violence, emergencies and injuries in our community</p> <p>http://pandora.nla.gov.au/tep/22560 - archived home pages for CSW and CSM</p> <p>http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/22560/20011112/www.communitysafetyweek.com/index.html - 2002</p>

				http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/22560/20011109/www.vicnet.net.au/vicnet/events/safety/index.html - 2001
(8)	Community Safety Month, Western Australia	Australia	Oct Each year	http://www.communitysafetymonth.wa.gov.au/ October 2005 has been designated Community Safety Month. This is the second time the government is running this event in Western Australia.
(9)	National Personal Safety Week	UK	13-17 Oct, 2003	http://w01-0943.web.dircon.net/npsw/ National Personal Safety Week is an annual event established by The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, the UK's leading authority on Personal Safety. The aim of the week is to raise awareness of the importance of personal safety for everyone in society; men and women, young and old from all backgrounds and every area of the UK.
(10)	Water Safety Week, Northern Territory	Australia	25-30 Oct 2004 and again in 2005	http://www.dcdsca.nt.gov.au/dcdsca/intranet.nst/pages/ws_week NT Water Safety Week was held from 25- 30 October 2004. Fantastic involvement from Northern Territory schools /childcare centres, with over 32 groups registering to participate in the week. Many groups took advantage of the free activities throughout the week while learning fun but safe behaviour around water. "Boof the Barra" our own water safety mascot was launched to promote safe activities in and around the water. He also reminded the community to always "open your eyes and be water wise" and to never swim alone. NT Water Safety week will continue in 2005, regular updates for next years event will be made available on this website.
(11)	National Safety Month	USA	June each year	http://www.nsc.org/nsm/index.cfm "This year's theme will be "Safety: Where We Live, Work and Play." As usual, the observance will last the month of June. If you are planning your organization's National Safety Month activities, please visit the planners page . Each year more than 20 million Americans suffer disabling injuries. Another 100,000 die from their injuries. Nearly two-thirds of those who die are workers or their family members. Your organization can help reduce these numbers by promoting on and off-the-job safety and health to employees during National Safety Month and throughout the year. The National Safety Council is aggressively urging businesses of all sizes to set high standards for safety within their organizations that include the safety and well-being of their employees, their employee's families, as well as the communities in which their businesses operation. This year's National Safety Month theme, Safety where we live, work and play, reflects the need for injury prevention awareness in the workplace, in our homes and communities, and on our roads and highways. National Safety Council data reveal: 54% of injury-related deaths occur in the home and community. 45% of injury-related deaths happen to workers while off the job. 61% of injury-related deaths are workers off the job or their family members. http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-93636--,00.html proclaim June 2004, as National Safety Month in Michigan and I urge all citizens to observe this month with appropriate activities that promote driving safety and crash prevention http://www.scienceblog.com/community/older/archives/K/4/pub4471.html The National Safety Council (NSC) has designated the week of June 9-15, Home and Community Safety Week. During Home and Community Safety Week -- part of National Safety Month -- the focus is on preventing falls http://list.nsc.org/nsmplanners/ http://www.nsc.org/nsm/

(12)	National Public Awareness Campaigns	Canada	Various	http://www.safety-council.org/news/campaigns/campaign.htm National Public Awareness Campaigns 2005 National Farm Safety Week (March 14 to 20) National Summer Safety Week (May 1 to 7) National Road Safety Week (May 17 to 23) National School Safety Week (October 17 to 23) National Community Safety and Crime Prevention Campaign (November) National Seniors' Safety Week (November 6 to 12) National Home Fire Safety Week (November 24 to 30) National Safe Driving Week (December 1 to 7) <i>The above public awareness campaigns are trademarks of the Canada Safety Council.</i>																		
(13)	National Safety Weeks	Canada	Various	http://www.mbsafety.org/index/community_programs National Safety Weeks- Purpose: To develop public awareness for the need to reduce accidents in all aspects of our daily living, the Manitoba Safety Council in cooperation with Canada Safety Council and other agencies supports the following National Safety Campaigns in Manitoba: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Safety Week</td> <td>Dates</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer Safety Week</td> <td>May 1 - 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Road Safety Week</td> <td>May 18 - 24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Occupational Health & Safety Week</td> <td>May 5 - 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School Safety Week</td> <td>October 17 - 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community & Crime Prevention Week</td> <td>November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Safety Week</td> <td>November 6 - 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home Fire Safety Week</td> <td>November 24 - 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Safe Driving Week</td> <td>December 1 - 7</td> </tr> </table>	Safety Week	Dates	Summer Safety Week	May 1 - 7	Road Safety Week	May 18 - 24	Occupational Health & Safety Week	May 5 - 11	School Safety Week	October 17 - 23	Community & Crime Prevention Week	November	Senior Safety Week	November 6 - 12	Home Fire Safety Week	November 24 - 30	Safe Driving Week	December 1 - 7
Safety Week	Dates																					
Summer Safety Week	May 1 - 7																					
Road Safety Week	May 18 - 24																					
Occupational Health & Safety Week	May 5 - 11																					
School Safety Week	October 17 - 23																					
Community & Crime Prevention Week	November																					
Senior Safety Week	November 6 - 12																					
Home Fire Safety Week	November 24 - 30																					
Safe Driving Week	December 1 - 7																					
(14)	National Occupational Health and Safety Week Fire Prevention week	Vietnam	14-20 May 2005 March 2004 May 1999	http://vietnamgateway.com.vn/hotnews/index.php?id=99&cid=050321073039 The National Week on Occupational Safety and Health and Fire Prevention was launched in Ha Long city of the north eastern province of Quang Ninh on Sunday. Various activities will be held during the week, including meeting practices on mine gas, fire and explosion prevention and visits to families of the victims of labour accidents and explosions. This is the seventh consecutive year Vietnam has launched such a campaign with the aim of raising the awareness about the risk and prevention of labour accidents, fire and professional illnesses in industrial and agricultural production. During the past six years, the campaign has reaped important successes in raising employers' awareness and responsibility towards occupational safety and health and improving employees' working conditions. Employees regarded absorbing regulations on occupational safety and health as the best self-protection methods. Many legal documents on the issue have been issued and translated into reality. However, labour accidents still cause a headache to labour management agencies as the number of these accidents has increased in recent years. According to the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, more than 6,000 labour accidents occurred last year and claimed 575 lives, a year-on-year increase of 54.67 percent and 12.09 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, more than 3,000 explosions last year killed 63 employees. These figures excluded accidents and explosions at private establishments. http://www.ilo.org/public/english/region/asro/bangkok/public/releases/yr2004/pr04_05.htm Vietnam's 6th National Safety Week was held earlier this month, March 2004 http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/English/Information/Electronic+journals/Asian-Pacific+Newsletter/2000-01/03.htm																		

				Vietnam organized the first National Safety Week in May 1999. This included activities in Hanoi and provinces with the estimated participation of 5 million workers.
(15)	National Safety Month	Malaysia	Sep 1996	http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/English/Information/Electronic+journals/Asian-Pacific+Newsletter/2000-01/03.htm In September 1996, Malaysia launched a big national OSH campaign including the organization of series of seminars and TV programmes
(16)	National Safety Day	Pakistan	Aug 1996	http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/English/Information/Electronic+journals/Asian-Pacific+Newsletter/2000-01/03.htm The National Safety Day events were also organized in Pakistan in August 1996.
(17)	National Safety Week	Sri Lanka	October 1997	http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/English/Information/Electronic+journals/Asian-Pacific+Newsletter/2000-01/03.htm Sri Lanka launched the National Safety Week in October 1997 .
(18)	National Safety Months	China	9-15 May 1999 1998	http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/English/Information/Electronic+journals/Asian-Pacific+Newsletter/1999-02/12.htm Following the success of previous National Safety Weeks in China, the Chinese Government held the 9th National Safety Week on 9-15 May 1999 , the theme being "Safety, Life, Stability and Development". Many activities and campaigns were carried out during the Safety Week in order to promote safe work and increase safety awareness http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/English/Information/Electronic+journals/Asian-Pacific+Newsletter/2000-01/03.htm In 1998, the Safety Month in China had a focus on chemical safety with a view to implement the ILO Chemicals Convention; over 500,000 people participated in the safety quiz organized by the media.
(19)	National Safety Week	Japan	July 1999	http://www.amersham.com/hse/achievements.html In July 1999, the company's joint venture plant with Nihon Medi-Physics won an Award in Japan's National Safety Week for completing 2.5 million accident free working hours.
(20)	National Safety Week	India	March 2005	http://www.tribuneindia.com/2005/20050313/punjab.htm#co - (Rajpura, March 12) The education wing of Punjab Police in collaboration with the local unit of Punjab Red Cross Society observed ' National Safety Week-2005 ' in the premises of Siel Chemical Complex, Rajpura, a pharmaceutical manufacturing unit, near here.
(21)	Campus Safety Week	National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan	May 2005	http://www.etaiwannews.com/Taiwan/Society/2005/05/03/1115083885.htm - 3 May 2005 Campus safety week - Campus safety week at the National Cheng Kung University opened yesterday, according to NCKU President Ou Shan-hwei. The holding of the campus safety week is aimed at displaying the university's resolve to secure campus safety by promoting safety education, Ou said To protect students from exposure to danger at night, the university has set up an "escorting angel team" made up of volunteers to accompany students home during late hours, Ou said, adding that the university has already employed martial arts experts to teach students defensive skills.
Violence Prevention				
(22)	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	USA	Oct Each year	http://endabuse.org/dvmonth/ October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month October, <i>Domestic Violence Awareness Month</i> (DVAM), is just around the corner. Across the country, battered women's advocates will join with government officials, corporations, unions, health care providers, faith-based groups and others to organize DVAM activities that raise public awareness about domestic violence. DVAM activities can be national, state-wide or local in scope, ranging from national public awareness campaigns with million dollar budgets to local recognition ceremonies designed with very little funding. But the goals of most DVAM activities are similar: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic violence, the need for prevention and the availability of services for victims of abuse. http://www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth_134.html Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end

				violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.
(23)	Sexual Assault Awareness Month	USA	April each year	http://www.nsvrc.org/ April is SAAM - SAAM stands for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Over time, April has become quite widely recognized as the month for making a concerted effort to raise awareness of sexual assault through special events, although such activities may occur at any time. This page offers a variety of SAAM resources including, background, NSVRC campaign ideas and materials, activities and resources from across the country, and a calendar of SAAM events
(24)	Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month	USA	April 2004	http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-89677--,00.html proclaim April, 2004 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Michigan. http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-89613--,00.html proclaim the month of April, 2004 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Michigan, and I urge all citizens to join me in dedicating their energies to cherishing Michigan's children and helping them grow and develop free from physical, emotional, and sexual harm http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-91654--,00.html proclaim the week of May 16, 2004, as Save a Life Week in Michigan.
(25)	SAVE – Stop America's Violence Everywhere	USA	2 nd Wed in Oct each year	http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/45/save_kit_04-05.pdf So please join the AMA Alliance as we work together to make our communities safe havens for us all as we Stop America's Violence Everywhere. Now in its 10 th year, the AMA Alliance's Stop America's Violence Everywhere (SAVE) campaign combats the growing problem of violence. The Alliance offers a children's book series that includes the popular "I Can Handle Bullies," "Hands Are Not for Hitting," "I Can Choose," and "I Can Be healthy" activity books for children.
Transport / Road Safety				
(26)	Road Safety Week	EU	5-11 April 2004	http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/rs4rs.html The week of 5-11 April 2004 has been designated as the Fourth Road Safety Week. During that week, member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will organize simultaneous road safety campaigns aimed at combating aggressive driving behaviour. The common slogan for the week is "Respect is safety".
(27)	Road Safety Week	India	8-14 Jan 2004	http://www.hindu.com/2004/01/08/stories/2004010805950400.htm The Delhi Police Commissioner, Radhey Shyam Gupta, today flagged off a road safety march from India Gate on the first day of Road Safety Week at India Gate in New Delhi today. As many as 1,500 students from 29 schools, over 300 commercial vehicle drivers, traffic wardens, members of several non-government organisations, and senior traffic police officers joined the march.
(28)	Canada Road Safety Week	Canada	17-24 May, 2005	http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/menu.htm http://www.safecanada.ca/roadsafety_e.asp It is a special week to focus on safe driving practices, and is timed in conjunction with Canada's first holiday weekend of the summer, when the travelling public will be out in great numbers.
(29)	NHTSA Safe Communities Network	USA	Various	http://www2.edc.org/buildingsafecommunities/images3/vol4_1/bsc4_1.pdf www.nhtsa.dot.gov/safecommunities http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/safecommunities/scbestp/index.html Safe Communities Calendar December 2000: National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 15, 2000: Lights on for Life Day December 15–17, 2000: You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Mobilization and National Holiday Lifesavers Weekend February 11–17, 2001: National Child Passenger Safety Week

				<p>March 2001: Zero Tolerance Means Zero Chances Campaign April 2001: Alcohol Awareness Month May 2001: National Bike Month and National Motorcycle Safety Month May 13–19, 2001: National Transportation Week and National EMS Week May 16, 2001: Operation Lifesaver Awareness Day May 21–23, 2001: Tenth Conference on International Safe Communities, Anchorage, Alaska May 21–28, 2001: Buckle Up America Week June 2001: Fifth Annual Native American Lifesavers Conference, Bismarck, North Dakota September 10–14, 2001: Drive Safely Work Week</p>
(30)	National Bike Safety Month	USA	May each year	<p>http://www.bhsi.org/ http://www.helmets.org/bikeweek.htm http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/buses/GTSS/nationalbike.html Turn your calendar to May and start making plans to celebrate National Bike Month and help reduce bicycle-related crashes and injuries. For many people across the country, spring marks a shift in activities from inside to outside; and bicycling is a popular choice. Bicycling is one of the most popular activities in the United States. National Bike Month provides an opportunity for educational programs, bicycle community events, bicycle helmet promotions, and even bicycle rodeos to draw positive attention to bicycling and bicycle safety. http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/bike/ Each year, more than 500,000 people in the US are treated in emergency departments, and more than 700 people die as a result of bicycle-related injuries. Children are at particularly high risk for bicycle-related injuries. In 2001, children 15 years and younger accounted for 59% of all bicycle-related injuries seen in US emergency departments.</p>
(31)	National Child Passenger Safety Week	USA	13-19 Feb, 2005	<p>http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/spotlite/childseat.htm http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/CPSWeekPlanner2005/pages/index.htm Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children in the United States. In 2003, 1,591 children ages 14 years and younger died as occupants in motor vehicle crashes and approximately 220,000 were injured. That's an average of four deaths and more than 600 injuries each day. Of children ages 14 years and younger who were fatally injured in 2003, more than half were unrestrained (NHTSA 2004). Most of these injuries could have been prevented. Placing children in age-appropriate restraint systems reduces serious and fatal injuries by more than half (NHTSA 2004). National Child Passenger Safety Week occurs each year during the week of Valentine's Day, bringing public attention to the importance of safely transporting children. This year, the focus of National Child Passenger Safety Week is on booster seats http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_32104-111543--,00.html "hereby proclaim the week of February 13, 2005, as Child Passenger Safety Week in Michigan and I encourage all citizens to join in the efforts to ensure all children travel safely in vehicles."</p>
(32)	National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Week	USA	Dec, each year	<p>http://www.3dmonth.org/ Since 1981, every President of the United States has demonstrated his commitment to preventing impaired driving by proclaiming December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. Reducing the incidence of impaired driving requires a comprehensive approach, while recognizing that every community faces different challenges. The primary message during the December holiday season is Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk--Designate a Sober Driver.</p>
(33)	Road Safety Week	UK	7-13 Nov	<p>http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/ Every day, ten people are killed and ten times as many are seriously injured on Britain's roads alone. Road Safety Week is for</p>

			2005	everyone and everyone can get involved! Use this website to help you prevent deaths and injuries in your community. http://www.tribuneindia.com/2004/20040106/chd.htm Road safety week fails to keep date Panchkula, January 5 Even as the 15th Road Safety Week kicked off in the country, the city failed to keep date with the celebrations. Sources said because of holiday on account of Gurburb, a formal ceremony to launch the week could not be held. In fact, the roads in the city wore a deserted look with hardly a policeman guiding traffic or checking documents of the vehicles. Imparting road sense through songs Chandigarh, January 5 The Chandigarh traffic police today used popular songs to educate people about road safety. Traffic police personnel presented choreographed sequences on stage today in connection with the road safety week in the city. The show was presented by the Chandigarh Police Cultural Club at the Sector 17 piazza.
(34)	Road Safety Week	India	5- 11 Jan 2005	
(35)	National School Bus Safety Week	USA	3 rd full week in Oct each year	http://www.napt.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=7 This Year's Theme is: " Flashing Red Means Stop Ahead ", 16-22 Oct, 2005 http://www.napt.org/associations/3103/files/NSBSWdoc_Color.pdf
(36)	Canada Road Safety Week	Canada	17-23 May, 2005	http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ccaps/road_safety_e.htm Canada Road Safety Week is a special week to focus on safe driving practices, and is timed in conjunction with Canada's first holiday weekend of the summer, when the travelling public will be out in great numbers. The 2005 dates are May 17 to 23.
Workplace Safety - OHS				
(37)	European Week for Safety and Health at Work	EU	Oct, each year	http://osha.eu.int/ew2002/ew2002.php?lang=en&id=1 Nearly one in three of Europe's workers, more than 40 million people, report that they are affected by stress at work. It's responsible for millions of lost working days every year. The figures speak for themselves, but far too many victims suffer in silence and too many companies don't realise the extent to which stress can affect their business performance. That's why this year's European Week for Safety and Health at Work is focusing on the prevention of psychosocial risks and the stress they cause. http://osha.eu.int/ew2004/news/press_releases/en/19_10_2004/ Construction accidents cause 1,200 deaths, result in over 800,000 accidents and cost the EU over € 75 billion Euros per year. European Construction Safety Week (18-22 October 2004) aims to reduce this heavy human and financial toll.
(38)	European Week of Safety at Work	EU	24-30 Oct, 2005 18-22 Oct 2004 13-20 Oct, 2003	http://www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/index.cfm?mins=297 European Health and Safety Week takes place in October each year and is designed to raise awareness of health and safety. The European Agency for Safety and Health describes the week as: "Aimed at people in organisations, companies and workplaces of all sizes and sectors. Everybody involved in occupational safety and health matters is invited to take part, especially safety and health institutions and occupational insurance organisations, trade unions and employers' organisations, companies, managers, employees and safety representatives." Health and Safety Week 2005 will take place between 24 - 30 October. Make sure you put this date in your diary now! The main theme will be noise at work, with the slogans " Stop that Noise!", and "Noise at work – it can cost you more than your hearing." It's purpose is to raise awareness of the risks associated with noise at work and to promote effective preventive measures. This will include looking at how noise gives rise or makes worse other workplace hazards. http://www.hse.gov.uk/campaigns/euroweek/main.htm This year's European Week for Safety and Health at Work will be focussed on construction. The aims of Euro Week are to raise awareness of the health and safety problems in construction, and encourage people to swap information and good practice which can tackle these problems

				http://www.lg-employers.gov.uk/health/safety/european.html European week of safety 13th- 20th October, 2003 The theme of this years Euro safety week is dangerous substances, supporting material and information about last years good practice winners can be found on the HSE's website at www.hse.gov.uk/euroweek/index.htm Local Authorities have a significant part to play in supporting and promoting the issues relating to dangerous substances, within their own organisation, to other local businesses and to the community at large. The EO is again supporting LAs in this initiative by providing a focal point for the collection of information on local authority activities and making the information available to others
(39)	North American Occupational Safety and Health Week	Canada, USA, Mexico	1-7 May, 2005	http://www.naosh.org/english/ NAOSH Week is an annual initiative led by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) , in concert with North American partners in Mexico and the United States. Equip. Educate. Empower. is the theme for NAOSH Week 2005. NAOSH Week - North American Occupational Safety and Health Week - was first launched in June 1997 , marked by an agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico. CSSE's Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week (COHS) had been observed for ten years previously (1986-1996).
(40)	Healthy Workplace Week	Canada	24-30 Oct 2005	http://www.healthyworkplaceweek.ca/ http://www.nqi.ca/chww Welcome to the home of Canada's Healthy Workplace Week, October 24-30, 2005! Our Mission: “To promote a comprehensive and integrated approach to workplace health in order to improve and sustain the health of Canadian organizations, their work environments and their employees.”
(41)	National Work Safety Week / Month	China	June 2002 13-19 May 2001	This year, work safety week will be extended to a month and a series of safety promotion activities will be organized in June. China Daily March 27, 2002 and http://archives.cnn.com/2002/WORLD/asiapcf/east/03/27/china.safety/ CNN March 27, 2002 http://www.cis-safety-inf.org.cn/cis_english_news/cis_news_003.htm The State Administration of Work Safety and All-China Federation of Trade Unions have announced details information of launching campaign of national work safety week and "AnKang Cup" competition from 13 to 19 May. The theme of Week this year is "Implement System of Safety Regulations and Rule and Strengthen Measures of Work Safety " http://www-ilo-mirror.cornell.edu/public/english/region/asro/bangkok/asiaosh/country/china/tradeuni/chinatss.htm ILO OHS Report – Promoting Safety and Health in township and village enterprises in China
(42)	WorkSafe Week	NZ	1-7 Oct 2000	http://www.osh.dol.govt.nz/order/catalogue/pdfs/slides47.pdf This year's WorkSafe Week is targeting the main causes of accidents and injury in the workplace. The theme is “A Safe Workplace is no Accident”. The week will run from 1-7 October and focus on the traditional “black spot” industries of agriculture, construction and forestry as well as the across-industry issue of hearing loss. OSH has launched a dedicated WorkSafe Week website to help deliver the message and support businesses to improve their health and safety standards.
(43)	Health and Safety Month, Australian Capital Territory	Australia	Sep 2004 May 2003	http://www.workcover.act.gov.au/edupromo/HSMonth.html The 2004 Health and Safety Month for the ACT was held in September. All ACT workplaces were invited to join in a health and safety spring clean-up. The aim of the Month is to raise awareness of workplace health and safety issues by encouraging workers and employers to organise an activity with a safety focus in their own workplace, or to participate in events or activities conducted by others. http://www.workcover.act.gov.au/pdfs/MaD_calendar.pdf
(44)	Workplace Eye Health and Safety	USA	March each year	http://preventblindness.org/news/observe.html Can you see the dangers in your workplace? Accidents at work are a major cause of preventable blindness. Contact Prevent Blindness America for information on The Wise Owl® Program which promotes eye safety in the workplace.

	Awareness Month			
(45)	Larsen and Toubro Engineering, Construction and Contracts Division Safety Month	India	Jan 2005	<p>http://www.hindu.com/2005/01/12/stories/2005011212580300.htm CHENNAI, JAN.11. Larsen and Toubro's ECC Division, Manapakkam, is celebrating Safety Month through January, and as part of the celebrations, a book on 'Safety in Engineering Industry' was released recently. Written by N. Srinivasan, retired senior general manager of L&T ECC, the book is a comprehensive safety guide for engineers. The chief inspector of boilers, K. Thambithurai, received the first copy. The Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, E. Balagurusamy, presided.</p> <p>http://www.intecc.com/home.htm Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) is India's largest engineering and construction conglomerate with additional interests in electricals, electronics and IT. A strong customer-focus approach and constant quest for top-class quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership position over 6 decades. L&T enjoys a premiere brand image in India and its international presence is on the rise, with a global spread of over 30 offices and joint ventures with world leaders. Its large technology base and pool of experienced personnel enable it to offer integrated services in world markets. ECC - the Engineering Construction & Contracts Division of L&T - is India's largest construction organisation. Many of the country's prized landmarks - its exquisite buildings, tallest structures, largest industrial projects, longest flyovers, highest viaducts - have been built by ECC. Leading-edge capabilities of ECC cover every discipline of construction: civil, mechanical, electrical and instrumentation engineering.</p>
Water Safety				
(46)	National Safe Boating Week	USA	21-27 May, 2005	<p>http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/ On average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets</p>
(47)	National Beach Safety Week	USA	May / June, 2005	<p>http://www.usla.org/PublicInfo/bchsftyweek.asp Each year, as summer begins, the United States Lifesaving Association sponsors National Beach Safety Week in an effort to remind beachgoers to use caution in the aquatic environment. National Beach Safety Week begins the Monday before Memorial Day (which is the last Monday in May) and ends seven (7) days later on Memorial Day.</p>
(48)	National Water Safety Week	USA Canada	June each year	<p>http://www.waterparks.org/nawsw.asp National Water Safety Week. This event, which will take place annually each June, coincides with National Water Safety Week in Canada (sponsored by the Canadian Red Cross) and also ties in with National Safety Month in June, which is sponsored by the National Safety Council. This national event is designed to serve as the impetus for water parks around the country to perform public-service acts that will help ensure their guests—and the public as a whole—are "water-aware." http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_32104---,00.html State of Michigan day and week proclamations for 2005, week of June 6, 2005, as Water Safety Week in Michigan</p>
(49)	NWS Flood Safety Awareness Week	USA	21-25 March 2005	<p>http://weather.gov/pa/fstories/2005/0305/floodsafeaware_mar2005.php Flooding is a coast to coast threat to the United States and its territories in all months of the year. National Flood Safety Awareness Week is intended to highlight some of the many ways floods can occur, the hazards associated with floods, and what you can do to save life and property.</p>
Emergency Services				
(50)	National Preparedness	USA	Sep 2004	<p>http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-104811--,,00.html September 2004, has been proclaimed as "National Preparedness Month"</p>

	Month			
(51)	Fire Prevention Week	Canada	9-15 Oct, 2005	http://www.fiprecan.ca/
(52)	Fire Prevention Week	USA	3-10 Oct 2004 6-12 Oct 2003	http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-104823--,00.html Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed 250 people, left 100,000 people homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings. proclaim the week of October 3, 2004, as Fire Prevention Week in Michigan and I urge all residents to install and test smoke alarms, and plan and practice fire safety drills http://www.nsc.ie/FireSafety/FireSafetyWeek/ "Buy a smoke alarm today, test it every Monday and save your family's life!" That's the message from the National Safety Council (NSC) for Fire Safety Week 2003, which runs from Monday 6 th to Sunday 12 th October 2003. http://www.ul.com/media/newsrel/nr092304.html October, National Fire Safety Month - Each year in the United States more than 500 people die in their homes from unintentional CO poisoning and 10,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for poisoning symptoms.
(53)	Emergency Preparedness Week	Canada	1-7 May, 2005	http://www.emergencypreparednessweek.ca/ Each year, thousands of Canadian families face emergency situations that could change their lives forever. Don't be caught off-guard!
Injury Prevention				
(54)	Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day	USA	6 Oct 2004	http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-97611--,00.html proclaim October 6, 2004, as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day and I urge all citizens to work to prevent suicide and to raise awareness and tolerance around all people touched by this tragedy. Suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, and is occurring at a national rate of over 30,000 youth suicides annually.
(55)	National Suicide Prevention Week	USA	4-10 Sep, 2005	http://www.suicidology.org/
(56)	National Playground Safety Week	USA	25-29 April, 2005	http://www.playgroundsafety.org/safetyweek/index.htm NPPS kicked off National Playground Safety Week on April 25. The campaign for the week was "Play S.A.F.E Promise." Children made a promise to play safe on the playground. Schools and child care agencies were encouraged to promise to provide safe play environments for children. The number of states officially proclaiming National Playground Safety Week went from 2 in 1997 to 41 in 2004. 40 states declared the week as National Playground Safety Week in 2005.
(57)	Homeless Awareness Week	USA	14-20 Nov 2004	http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-22678_25488_28123-104752--,00.html proclaim the week of November 14, 2004, as Homeless Awareness Week in Michigan, and I encourage all citizens to recognize and support the efforts of homeless shelters
(58)	Injury Prevention Week, Victoria	Australia	17-23 Oct, 2004	http://www.quit.org.au/quit/display.cfm?Category=Community%20Organisations&ArticleID=1150&table=Communities Community Safety Month - Injury Prevention Week 17 – 23 October, 2004. Quit Victoria supports Injury Prevention Week and encourages Victorians to take steps towards promoting community safety by being smokefree. During Injury Prevention Week, Quit Victoria hopes to raise your awareness of the harm that can be caused by passive smoking. Passive smoking is breathing in other people's tobacco smoke. Tobacco smoke contains over 4000 chemicals, including tar, carbon monoxide, nicotine, radioactive compounds and hydrogen cyanide to name just a few

(59)	National Poison Prevention Week	USA	3 rd week in March each year	http://www.poisonprevention.org/main.html Public Law 87-319 authorizes the President to designate annually the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week . This act of Congress was signed into law on September 16, 1961, by President Kennedy, after which the Poison Prevention Week Council was organized to coordinate this annual event. Congress intended this event as a means for local communities to raise awareness of the dangers of unintentional poisonings and to take such preventive measures as the dangers warrant.
(60)	Medication Safety Week	USA	1-7 April	http://nursing.about.com/b/a/158270.htm April 1-7 is Medication Safety Week . Medication errors happen despite the best efforts of doctor, nurses and pharmacists. Medication Safety Week is April 1-7. Take time to review ways to help you dispense and take medications with greater safety.
Child / Baby Safety				
(61)	Kid's Safety Month	Los Angeles, California	Oct, 2003	http://www.lacity.org/mayor/oldpresss/mayormyrpress27414392_10062003.pdf In his effort to make Los Angeles the safest big city in America, Mayor Jim Hahn today joined the LAPD and the Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families (CCYF) to declare the month of October as Kid's Safety Month in the City of Los Angeles..
(62)	Children's Safety Week	Shanghai, China	25-31 Aug, 2002	http://english.people.com.cn/200208/25/eng20020825_102044.shtml A week-long campaign urging people to be alert to children's safety was launched in Shanghai Municipality, east China, on Saturday. The program, which is sponsored by the Shanghai Centre for Paediatrics, aims at teaching parents how to safeguard children from the risk of accidents. Accidents are the top killer of youngsters in China. Official statistics show that accidents cause 26.1 percent of children's deaths in the country. Between 1999-June 2002, 97,348 children visited the centre because of accident injuries including 232 cases in which the youngsters were harmed after swallowing chemicals or inappropriate medications. In China, 52 percent of child accidents occur at home, 19 percent in the streets, and 12 percent at school. "The majority of accidents could have been prevented," said Professor Shen Xiaoming, director of the centre. At the launching ceremony, the centre and the World Health Fund published a joint proposal urging the government, the public and families to focus on the issue of children's safety.
(63)	National Childhood Injury Prevention Week	USA	1-7 Sep each year	http://www.assafeaspossible.org/ncipw.html Plan now to be part of National Childhood Injury Prevention Week [September 1-7, (or all year long!)] . The As Safe As Possible Campaign organizes National Childhood Injury Prevention Week (<i>NCIPW</i>) each September, to focus public attention on unintentional childhood injuries. Use this celebration to recommit yourself — and others — to stopping the #1 killer of American children. We must recognize that prevention, is the only way to reduce the number of children who needlessly die or are injured as a result of preventable injuries in their homes. That is what National Childhood Injury Prevention Week is all about; preventing unintentional childhood injuries.
(64)	Child Safety Week	UK	20-26 June 2005	http://www.capt.org.uk/csweek/default.htm Accidental injury is a leading cause of death among children and young people in the UK and puts more children in hospital than any other cause. Last year almost 300 children and young people died as a result of accidents and 120,000 were admitted to hospital. But many childhood accidents can be prevented by fitting simple safety equipment and carrying out some basic safety checks. Child Safety Week is Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual awareness week. We want to alert parents, children and young people – and all those who work with them – to the main causes of childhood accidents and how to stop them happening. We'd be the first to say that preventing accidents to children is an all-year-round necessity and Child Safety Week can't do it all. But the Week can get new people involved in child accident prevention, create a major focus for those of you already working actively in this field and put the issues in front of the public through the media. http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/awareness_campaigns/jun_childsafety.shtml Child Safety Week is organised by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) and aims to highlight dangers to children in and

				around the home. Over the next 12 months, it is estimated that around 350 children will die and a further 2 million will be rushed to A&E departments as a result of accidents. In the home, the worst injuries are often the result of falls, burns and scalds, while outdoors the most serious accidents occur while walking and cycling.
(65)	Baby Safety Week	UK	9-15 May, 2005	http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/awareness_campaigns/may_babysafety.shtml Baby Safety Week is a national health campaign that aims to raise awareness of sudden infant death syndrome - cot death - and provide parents, carers and health care professionals with potentially life-saving advice. The campaign's coordinating charity is the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID).
(66)	Safe Kids Campaign (was Kidsafe Week)	NZ	Oct each year	http://www.safekids.org.nz/index.php/pi_pageid/95 The Safekids Campaign replaces the former KidSafe Week held since 1996 to raise public and decision maker awareness of unintentional childhood injury within New Zealand, and its prevention. <i>For information on past KidSafe Week campaigns click here</i>) The Safekids Campaign launched in Auckland on October 15, 2004, and for the next 12 months more than 80 community-based coalitions throughout New Zealand will highlight the issue of the seriousness of burns to children, and their prevention – as well as the importance of keeping child passengers safe in vehicles http://www.kidsafe.org.nz/2003/index.html New Zealand's seventh annual KidSafe Week will run between the 17th and the 24th of October, with over 90 KidSafe Week groups throughout the country organising action in their local communities. The focus of KidSafe Week 2003 is on three important aspects of child safety: preventing Cycling injuries, preventing injuries on All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and preventing Cutting injuries
(67)	Safe Kids Week	China	29 May – 4 June, 2004	http://www.safekidsworldwide.org/tier3.cfm?content_item_id=8132&folder_id=1465 May 29, 2004, marked the launch of SAFE KIDS Week in Beijing . The theme for this year was "Safety and Health for Children, Much Happier Families," with particular attention given to prevention of child poisoning in the home. More than 30,000 parents and children attended the event in 23 cities during the Week. SAFE KIDS Week called attention to the hazards of unintentional childhood injury, delivered poison prevention messages and tools to the general public, and solidified the relationships of Safe Kids China with pharmacies and paediatric hospitals. Both indoor and outdoor educational safety activities, a pharmacy child safety promotion and a press campaign in Beijing were among the Week's festivities.
(68)	Baby Safety Month	USA	Sep, 2003	http://pediatrics.about.com/b/a/022758.htm SEPTEMBER IS BABY SAFETY MONTH, Consumer Product Safety Commission Joins the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association Efforts. MT. LAUREL, N.J. – Every September, JPMA sponsors Baby Safety Month to help educate parents and caregivers on a particular safety issue and the importance of the safe use and selection of juvenile products. The 2003 theme is: Being There Always & Forever: Water Safety. Baby's water safety is an important issue for parents and caregivers. "Many parents and caregivers are not aware of the water hazards in and around their homes," said Bob Waller, JPMA president. "That is why this year JPMA is working toward making parents and caregivers more aware of the dangers that exist and what can be done to prevent such hazards."
School Safety				
(69)	School Safety	Australia	Oct each year	http://www.norlanehs.vic.edu.au/safety/community%20safety%20month.htm http://www.norlanehs.vic.edu.au/safety/sats/sats.htm A Student Action Team (SAT) involves a group of students identifying and developing possible response to local and practical community safety issues of relevance to them and/or their schools: they research the issue, make plans and proposals about it, and take action on it. Student Action Teams aim to engage students in purposeful and authentic activities, which are valued by the

				student, have broader community value, and meet or exceed mandated curriculum goals.
(70)	National School Safety Week	Canada	17-23 Oct 2004	http://www.safety-council.org/resource.html The goal of this year's National School Safety Week is to help children in the early grades become safe road users. This campaign is part of the "Kids On Patrol" program sponsored by the Alliance Tire Professionals in partnership with the Canada Safety Council. "See and Be Seen" is a vital message for young children. They need to know they must look out for traffic and make sure other road users see them. They also need to understand the different kinds of safety lights on the road. In many collisions which injure young pedestrians and cyclists, the child did not see the vehicle and/or was not seen by the driver.
Crime Prevention				
(71)	Crime Prevention Month	USA	Oct	http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=5882-3200-2630-14262-15502-15510 October Marks Crime Prevention Month Twenty years ago the National Crime Prevention Council, the nation's focal point for preventing crime, designated October as Crime Prevention Month. This month-long celebration recognizes successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels and generates interest and enthusiasm for prevention efforts to grow even stronger and become more widespread.
(72)	National Night Out	USA	2 Aug, 2005	http://www.natw.org/nno/reg.html The 22 nd annual National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event organised by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).
Drugs and Alcohol				
(73)	Red Ribbon Week	USA	23-31 Oct, 2005	http://www.nfp.org/ Wearing the lapel pin signals that you are joining the fight against drinking and drug abuse to help kids grow up safe, healthy and drug-free. During Red Ribbon Week schools, businesses, families and youth across America will plant bulbs that will bloom into vibrant red tulips and will serve as a reminder to stay drug-free. Most bulbs that are planted during October, will bloom in April, during National Alcohol Awareness Month.
(74)	Alcohol Awareness Month	USA	April each year	http://www.ncadd.org/programs/awareness/aamk2005.html Since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence - founded in 1944 to educate Americans about the treatable and preventable disease of alcoholism - has sponsored Alcohol Awareness Month during April .
Food Safety				
(75)	National Food Safety Education Month	USA	Sep each year	http://www.nraef.org/headline/headline_270.asp The National Restaurant Association/National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and the NRAEF's International Food Safety Council encourages restaurant and foodservice professionals to start planning now to participate in the 11th annual National Food Safety Education Month SM this September. This year's theme, " Keep Hands Clean with Good Hygiene ," promotes awareness around proper hand washing. Created by the NRAEF's International Food Safety Council (IFSC), this month-long annual campaign focuses on the importance of food safety education for the restaurant and foodservice industry and raises awareness of the industry's commitment to food safety. http://www.nraef.org/nfsem/ The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's (NRAEF) International Food Safety Council (IFSC) urges restaurant and foodservice professionals to plan now to participate in the tenth annual National Food Safety Education Month SM this September. This year's theme is " Keep Hands Clean with Good Hygiene ." http://www.nsf.org/consumer/food_safety/fsmonth.asp?program=FoodSaf http://www.foodsafety.asn.au/foodsafetyweek/
(76)	Food Safety	Australia	6-12	http://www.foodsafety.asn.au/foodsafetyweek/

	Week		Nov, 2005	<p>The theme for Food Safety week 2005 is 'Food on the Move'. During the week, the Council will be giving out tips on keeping food safe when it's travelling eg – from the supermarket to the home; from the home to the campsite or BBQ; from the take-away store or restaurant; taking food on holiday; lunchboxes (for adults and children). Once again retirees will be one of the particular groups targeted during Food Safety Week – but a very different kind of retirees. In 2004, the frail aged residents of aged care facilities were the main concern. In 2005, the healthier, more active retirees will come into the spotlight.</p> <p>http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/mediareleasespublications/mediareleases/mediareleases2002/thehontrishworthfood1751.cfm</p> <p>In launching the theme for Food Safety Week, Ms Worth said that getting young people to understand the key food safety messages was an important start to reducing the up to 7 million cases of food poisoning that occur in Australia each year.</p>
(77)	Food Safety Week	NZ	29 Nov – 5 Dec, 2004 15-19 Aug, 2003	<p>http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/publications/media-releases/2004-11-29.htm</p> <p>Foodsafe Week runs from November 29th to December 5th in 2004</p> <p>http://www.cityofdunedin.com/city/?page=feat_foodsafety_2003</p> <p>Worryingly, most cases of food poisoning occur at home, not from cafes or restaurants as most people think. The focus for Food Safety Week (15-19 August) is to educate the public about food hygiene issues, and how to prevent food poisonings in the home.</p>
Electrical Safety				
(78)	National Electrical Safety month	USA	May each year	<p>http://www.electrical-safety.org/</p> <p>May is National Electrical Safety Month. While some data suggest that electrical safety awareness is on the rise, the tragedy is that most deaths and injuries caused by electrical hazards are preventable.</p> <p>The focus of this year's May Kit, designed to help you develop your own electrical safety awareness campaign, is from a fire fighter's perspective. Take the time to educate those in your home, schools, and workplace about electrical safety. Avoid another fire fighter's nightmare.</p> <p>http://www.nema.org/media/pr/20040506a.cfm</p> <p>The U.S. Senate this month passed Resolution 334, designating May 2004 as "National Electrical Safety Month" to help promote electrical safety and reduce the number of deaths and accidents that occur due to improper and unsafe electricity use.</p>
(79)	Electrical Safety Week	India	1-7 May 2005	<p>http://www.hindu.com/2005/05/01/stories/2005050114890300.htm</p> <p>'Electrical safety week' from today HYDERABAD: The Electrical Inspectorate of the State Government is observing Electrical safety week from today. The aim is to create awareness among the public and working personnel regarding hazards of meddling with equipment/lines. A press release issued by the directorate said here on Saturday that electrical accidents occur due to ignorance of the impact of shock and non-usage of safety/protective devices and non-maintenance of effective earthing system.</p>
Building Safety				
(80)	Building Safety Week	USA	8-14 May, 2005	<p>http://www.icc-foundation.org/news/bsw.html</p> <p>Building Safety Week is celebrated May 8-14 to recognize the importance of making homes and buildings safe places where people can live, work and play. Sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, Building Safety Week was first observed in 1980. The theme of Building Safety Week 2005, "Making Homes, Schools and Workplaces Safer Together," reflects the importance of getting everyone involved in the prevention of safety and security hazards.</p>
Farm Safety				
(81)	Farm Safety Week	USA	9-16 March 2005	<p>http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/newslett.nsf/all/agnw6826</p> <p>Farm Safety Week 2005! An action packed week is planned from March 9 to 16, 2005. The national theme for farm safety week this year is <i>Safety is in the Details</i>, emphasizing the physical considerations of farm work with a special focus on seniors. One-third of</p>

	Agricultural Safety Week	Canada		<p>all tractor-related fatalities involve operators aged 60 or older and one-half of farm fatalities happen while the victim is working alone. Taking time to focus on the details, for example letting someone know where you are and when you will be back, is a simple step that can increase safety on the farm.</p> <p>http://www.cfa-fca.ca/pages/index.php?main_id=9</p> <p>CFA, in partnership with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and our corporate partners Farm Credit Canada and Pioneer Hi-Bred Ltd., organizes an annual farm safety awareness campaign titled Canadian Agricultural Safety Week. Each year, the Federation develops, distributes, and promotes educational materials aimed at helping Canadian farm families improve safety the farm. Mark your calendars for 2005 — Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is March 9 - 15. The theme is 'Safety is in the details.'</p>
(82)	National Farm Safety and Health Week	USA	19-25 Sep 2005	<p>http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/news/sty/2004/farm_safety090904.htm</p> <p>http://www.nsc.org/necas/about.htm</p> <p>Sept. 19-25 is National Farm Safety and Health Week</p> <p>MANHATTAN, Kan. – “Yields for a Lifetime” is the theme of the 61st observance of National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 19-25, sponsored by the National Safety Council and supported by farm safety advocates across the United States, including Kansas State University Research and Extension.</p> <p>Safe farming practices are still as important as they were in 1944 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the third full week in September to be National Farm Safety Week, said John Slocombe, K-State Extension farm safety specialist. Today, we recognize the clear relationship between safety and health, therefore the focus has been expanded.</p>
(83)	National Farm Safety Week	Australia	19-24 July 2004	<p>http://www.acahs.med.usyd.edu.au/nfsw/Farm%20Safety%20Week%202004_Pack.pdf</p> <p>National Farm Safety Week aims to raise awareness of farm safety issues in rural communities across Australia. This years Farm Safety Week theme is “Farm Safety is GOOD Business”. This theme continues to highlight the importance of business and industry working together to achieve the Farmsafe Australia mission / vision statement of improving the well-being of Australian farmers through improved attention to OHS. The “Farm Safety is GOOD Business” theme is reflected in the membership of Farmsafe Australia, by the wide range of work that is being conducted in research, education and extension of farm health and safety. Farm Safety Week has been running successfully for the past five years and has provided an opportunity for the Farmsafe network to utilise the media and address farm safety with a national focus.</p>
Sports Safety				
(84)	National Youth Sports Safety Month	USA	April 1993	<p>http://www.nyssf.org/campaign.html</p> <p>The month of April has been proclaimed National Youth Sports Safety Month. The national health event was initiated by the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation, Inc. in 1993 to promote safety in sports participation.</p>
(85)	National Ski Areas Association National Safety Awareness week		15-21 Jan, 2005	<p>http://www.mtashland.com/Page.asp?ID=83</p> <p>National Safety Awareness Week January 15-21, 2005. The safety week, initiated by the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), allows ski areas nation wide to raise awareness about safety and etiquette through special events. All skiers and snowboarders are encouraged to know and abide the Your Responsibility Code which outlines seven major safety guidelines.</p> <p>http://www.skipressworld.com/us/en/daily_news/2004/01/resorts_say_safety_week_on_the_schedule.html?cat=Resorts</p> <p>The National Ski Areas Association’s fifth annual National Safety Awareness Week, part of the Heads Up Safety Initiative and sponsored by OVO Helmets and Mountain Dew, will take place Jan. 17-23, 2004, during the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.</p>
Other Safety Categories				
(86)	National Window Safety	USA	24-30 April,	<p>http://www.nsc.org/aware/window/</p> <p>Every year the last full week of April, the National Safety Council celebrates National Window Safety Week. Window safety</p>

	Week		2005	awareness continues 52 weeks a year, we invite you to use our information and downloadable brochures all year long. The National Safety Council and the window industry has compiled some very useful information to help you learn about the potential risks of window falls in your home. There are simple, common-sense actions you can take to reduce these risks.
(87)	Lightening Safety Week	USA	Last week in June each year	http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/week.htm Summer is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena— lightning. In the United States, an average of 67 people are killed each year by lightning. In 2003, there were 44 deaths. That's more than the annual number of people killed by tornadoes or hurricanes. The Nation will celebrate its fourth annual National Lightning Safety Awareness Week, June 19-25, 2005. Lightning Safety Week is held the last full week of June each year.
(88)	2005 REALTOR® Safety Week	USA	11-17 Sep, 2005	http://www.realtor.org/MarkCom.nsf/pages/RSWHomePage?OpenDocument The safety of our more than one million members is a top priority for NAR. We are committed to helping our members stay safe while on the job, at home and on the road. To raise awareness about this vital issue, Sept. 11-17, 2004 has been officially designated as the third annual REALTOR® Safety Week. By working together, we can give REALTORS® knowledge that will empower them to work with confidence.
(89)	Wireless Safety Month	USA Canada	May 2005	http://www.wirelessiq.info/content/newsfeed/3132.html SouthernLINC Wireless announced today that the entire month of May would be designated as "Wireless Safety Month." The third annual occasion will be marked with important safety tips for wireless users.
Local				
(90)	Pedestrian Safety Week	University of Georgia, USA	1-7 Aug 2001	http://www.redandblack.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2000/08/21/3b7c246680182?in_archive=1 Today marks the start of Pedestrian Safety Week, an effort by the Environmental Safety Division to remind students not to let down their guards on the streets during the frantic pace of classes.
(91)	Hispanic Safety Month	Nevada, USA	April 2005	http://4safenv.state.nv.us/Hispanic/pressrelease.pdf The Hispanic workforce has seen an increase in workplace injuries and fatalities across our nation. The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that Hispanic workers have a much higher injury and fatality rate than any other demographic group. With the Hispanic workforce increasing, it is imperative Nevada help employers understand the issues and identify ways to reduce this alarming injury trend. To combat this problem, the Nevada's Safety Consultation and Training Services (SCATS) and the Nevada Small Business Development Center (NSBDC) have announced the creation of Nevada's inaugural Hispanic Safety Month in April 2005.
CALENDARS				
(92)	Calender of Health Related Days	Canada	Various	http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/calendar.html Health Canada Online's Calendar of Health-Related Days lists health-related days, weeks and months that have been announced by recognized health organizations and are recognized throughout the health professional community. We list only days that are recognized in Canada or days that are recognized internationally.
(93)	BBC UK Health Awareness Campaigns	UK	Various	http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/awareness_campaigns/ BBC Health works in partnership with organisations to bring you information about national and international events and issues. In this section you'll find informative features, contact details and inspirational stories.
(94)	List of Health Observances	USA	Various	http://www.pohly.com/dates_alpha.shtml This is an alphabetized listing of all annual health observation and recognition dates. Health observances are days, weeks, or months devoted to promoting particular health concerns. Recognition dates are listed that honour healthcare professionals, as well. This up-to-date list will come in handy for community relations programs as well as employee appreciation events.
(95)	Utah Safety	Utah, USA	Various	http://www.uthp://www.electrical-safety.org/ahsafetycouncil.org/safetycalendar.html

	Council Safety Calendar			Utah Safety Council Safety Observances
(96)	Daily Globe – date archives	Global	Various	http://www.geocities.com/BourbonStreet/6293/gljun.htm
(97)	Better Health Channel – Events Calendar	Victoria, Australia	Various	http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/servlet/showevents?style=current Department of Human Services – Better Health Channel – Events Calendar