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The role of product safety regulation and legislation


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Consumer Product Advocacy Network (CPAN)

- Kidsafe WA
- Consumer Protection WA
- Department of Health WA
- Perth Children's Hospital Emergency Department
- UWA Burns Injury Research Unit
- ACCC
- WA Poisons Info Centre
- Goodstart Early Learning



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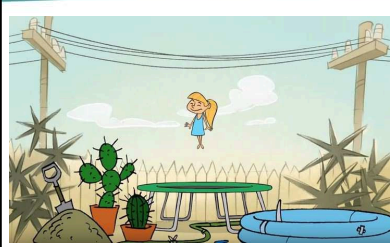
What CPAN does



- Identify emerging issues with unsafe products (focus on children's products)
- Prioritise according to injury risk and safety concerns
- Action plan for changes

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Examples of CPAN work



Trampoline injuries, choking hazards, toy related injuries, furniture tip-overs

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Issues with toppling furniture

- Historically at least one child under nine died each year in Australia from toppling furniture
- Tenants were not always allowed to drill holes to anchor furniture



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Changes to make renting safer

- Legislation implemented October 2019
- Renters can now anchor furniture to prevent injury (with landlord permission)
- Landlords must allow requests except in very limited circumstances



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Button batteries



- One child per month seriously injured in Australia
- Swallowing/insertion can cause catastrophic injuries and even death
- Found in common household items and children's toys

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Risk of button battery access



- Insecure battery compartments
- Non child-resistant packaging
- Batteries released if item dropped
- Spare batteries not secured or kept out of reach
- Incorrect battery disposal

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How we're improving protections

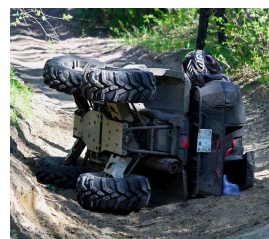


- Damage can continue even after battery removed from body
- Four mandatory safety standards introduced
- Education conducted

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Quad bikes

- High risk of rollover potentially causing death or serious injury
- 23 deaths nationally in 2020, four were children
- 3 deaths in WA in 2020
- A leading cause of death or injury on farms



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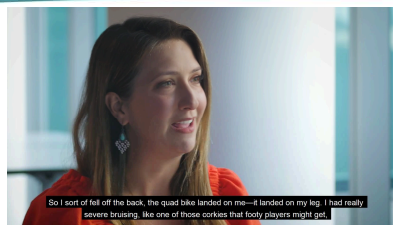
New safety standard: phase one

- 15% of quad bike deaths over the past decade were children
- 11 October 2019: new safety standard released
- 11 October 2020: first phase of safety standard took effect
- Education campaigns



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New safety standard: education



- Social media posts
- Printed materials
- Victim video
- In-store retailer notice
- Regional column
- Stakeholder eBulletin

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New safety standard: phase two

Things you need to know about the new quad bike safety standard

The new standard came into effect on 11 October 2019. The standard aims to prevent or reduce the risk of injury or death from quad bikes.

As of 11 October 2020, changes include:

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As of 11 October 2021, changes include:

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11 October 2021: second phase of safety standard to be implemented

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