

Child Care Articles 4 Safety Barriers

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Scope of problem

- EU Injury Database (IDB) data indicates that approximately 75 injuries to children 0-4 years of age involving child gates/safety barriers are serious enough to require a visit to the emergency department each year
- RAPEX data examined over the past 10 years shows 7 reports of safety barriers - for entrapment of limbs, risk of strangulation (through width of bars, strength of bars or snagging/protruding parts) and risk of choking
- 17 of 21 EEA states voted for safety barriers under the priority setting exercise for CCA

Scope of problem

- The main problems associated with these products are falls, entrapment of limbs/neck, choking and exposure to other hazards such as burns and poisoning
- They are bought by often inexperienced/first time parents
- The positioning of the barrier has much influence on the risks

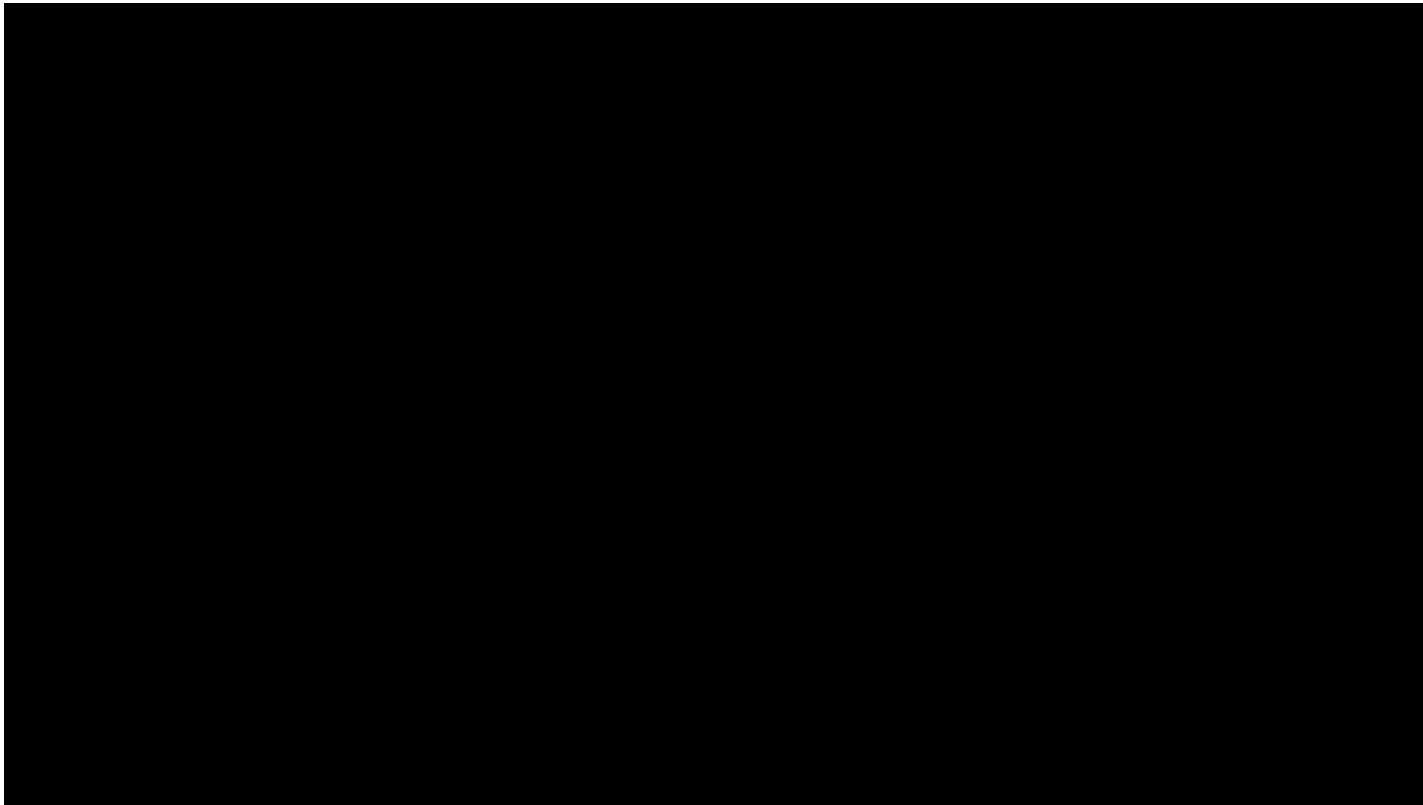


Issues with safety barriers...



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEwEXgqq-Lc>



How is safety delivered today?

- A revised European standard EN 1930:2011 was published in December 2011 - have the revisions resulted in a safe standard?
- Main changes in the revised standard are the introduction of new hip and finger probes, a new rattle test for the security of the gate as well as improvements to locking devices and the impact test. Some tests in the previous standard have been dropped, due to reproducibility

Objectives

- To build on the work undertaken during CCA1, 2 & 3 and thereby increase the safety of products within this product category
- To ensure that safety barriers are safe in use
- To continue to support harmonisation of market surveillance across the EEA within this product sector
- Further update the CCA Priority List for future Joint Actions

Sampling and testing

- We anticipate the testing of 60 safety barriers
- Gain experience with the safety requirements in EN 1930:2011 and other relevant standards
- Support the definition and checking of test methods, adequacy of tests, thereby facilitating the development of testing
- Coordinate with stakeholders, including CEN

Next Steps

Kick-off meeting - 22 September 2015, Brussels

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Toddler strangled as head is trapped between baby stair gates

AN ADVENTUROUS boy of nearly two strangled himself after becoming trapped between two child gates placed by his mother to keep him safe.

By **JAN DISLEY**

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