

Child Safety Week 2005

An event was held in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service and Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards, Nottinghamshire Police and Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust as part of Child Safety Week to raise awareness of the importance of preventing childhood accidents.

The event, held on 18th June at Worksop Market, was a successful attempt to raise awareness of Child Safety using the Child accident Prevention Week 20th-26th June 2005 material.

Written information and visual displays on a number of issues were available including:

- ▶ smoke alarms,
- ▶ home safety,
- ▶ toy safety, and
- ▶ staying safe in the sun, together with the handing out of free sun hats for young children.

Road Safety was also covered and there was a great deal of interest in the Brake Distance Testing machine and Crashed Vehicle.

Bassetlaw PCT Health Visiting Team at Manton Clinic provided a display on Child Safety and Accident Prevention, and the School Nursing Service provided a display on Sun Safety and Skin Cancer awareness. Around 200 Heat Wave leaflets were distributed to the public, and through the completion of a Child Safety questionnaire, children 0-5 years received a free sunhat provided by the Bassetlaw Health Living Centre Network. In total 76 questionnaires were completed, and feedback received from parents and carers who children received a free sunhat was encouraging and raised awareness of the Government's Heat Wave and Sun Safety campaigns. The Bassetlaw PCT Health Visiting Team was also able to offer advice on 0-5yrs health and made contact with several families that were new to the area.

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