

A Partnership for Child Safety in Rural Western Australia



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Presentation Outline

- Why is Child Injury Prevention so Important?
- Our Partnership
 - How does it work?
 - Child Safety Forums
 - Benefits
 - Indigenous Resources



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Child Injury Prevention



Background on Child Injuries



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More children die from
Injury
than from Cancer, Asthma &
Infectious Diseases combined



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Why is Child Injury Prevention so Important?

- Each year in WA:
 - 50 children < 15 years will die
 - 7,500 will be admitted to hospital
 - 11,000 will present at PMH Emergency DepartmentAs a result of injury



- The majority will be under 5 years of age

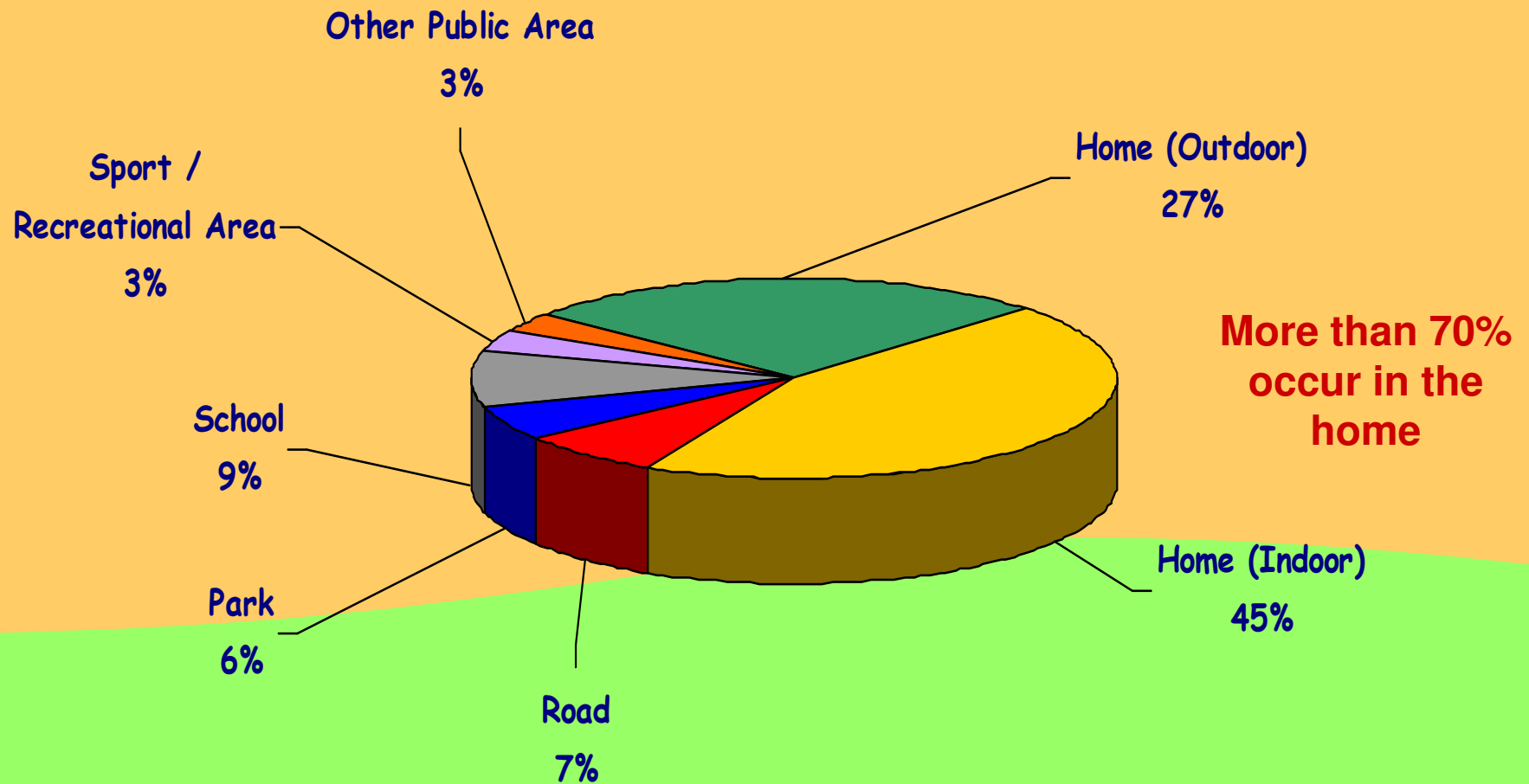


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Where do Most Injuries Occur?



Source: Hospital Morbidity Data System, 2002. (1512_rm) Hospital Separations 2000-01 children <15 years.



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Child Injury Prevention



Our Partnership



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How does it work?

- Leading organisations in child injury prevention
 - Royal Life Saving Society WA
 - Farmsafe WA Alliance
 - Kidsafe WA
- Division of tasks



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Where have we been?

- Initial: Collie 2006 (1 session)
- Kalgoorlie 2007 (1 session)
- Regional Visits with multiple sessions commenced in 2007/08
 - South West (March 2008)
 - Pilbara (June 2008)
 - Esperance/Great Southern (September 2008)
 - Midwest (June 2009)



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Child Safety Forums

- Parent Information Sessions
 - Existing groups
 - Community sessions



At Home	At Play	On the Farm
Around the Water	On the Road	



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- Professional Development Sessions
 - Child Health Nurses
 - Injury Prevention
 - Health Promotion

Child Safety

Statistics

Resources

Organisational Overview

Feedback



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Benefits

- Collaborative approach
- Greater reach
- Reduces duplication
- Better use of resources
- Greater community impact



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Lessons Learnt

- Importance of community involvement
- Engaging with local professionals
- Flexibility
- Maintain contact
- Partnerships do work!

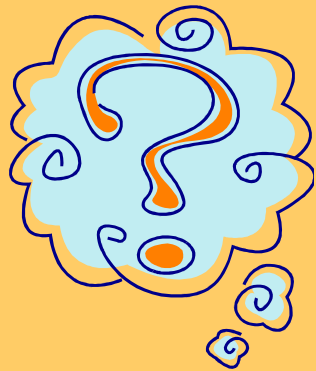


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Thank You!



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