



Icicles like this are very dangerous and likely to harm residents



Professional worker was clearing icicles from the wall

Accreditation means greater safety for KIDS

Primary school pupils across Australia will learn and play in safer environments with the official endorsement of the KIDS Foundation as Australia's first National Safe School Affiliate Agency at a ceremony in Melbourne, Australia, 26th February.

With injuries leading the cause of death for children aged between zero and 14 years, the Safe School Community International Accreditation Program (SSCIAP) is instrumental in reducing these figures in school communities.

As the national leader in childhood injury prevention, the Ballarat-based KIDS Foundation provides resources to more than 7000 primary schools and delivers quality school and community based safety education programs to more than 300 primary schools each year.

“We are pleased and proud that our commitment to childhood safety and accident prevention has resulted in such prestigious accreditation,” KIDS Foundation founder Susie O’Neill said during the signing at ArtPlay, Birrarung Marr (next to Federation Square), Melbourne.

“We are committed to developing inclusive, cooperative and strong Safe School Community Networks across Australia to further improve the educational experiences of young people by ensuring they operate in a safe environment.”

With the official signing of the document, KIDS Foundation becomes Australia's only Safe School Affiliate Agency and thus takes on the responsibility of supporting schools in their bid to achieve Safe School Community status. To gain accreditation these schools and their communities must be committed to continually striving to build safer surroundings and to developing a culture of appropriate risk management for young people.

Ms O'Neill said schools seeking accreditation would have to meet strict criteria and show they had a long term commitment to improving child safety.

“Once accredited they will be recognised internationally as a Safe School,” Ms O'Neill said. This could lead to major benefits when promoting the school to prospective parents and when seeking additional funding.

Joining KIDS Foundation for this auspicious occasion were members of the legendary Oarsome Foursome (Australia's best known rowing team), Government and Safe Community leaders, students from KIDS Foundation Safety Club schools and New Zealand-based SSCIAP Accrediting Centre's Chair Dr Carolyn Coggan. For more information please visit www.safeschoolciap.org



Back row: Mike McKay, James Tomkins and Drew Ginn (from Oarsome Foursome).
Middle row: Tania Peters and Dr Carolyn Coggan (from Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand) and Susie O'Neill (KIDS Foundation Founder). *Front row:* Queenie Dang, Andrew Le, Christian Marroquin, Charlie Ettershank and Brendan Moloney (students from Holy Rosary Primary School, Kensington, Melbourne).

Refsanjan; preparing for safecommunity

Rafsanjan city is situated at the central part of Iran at the middle of central desert. Rafsanjan is the world famous for pistachios. Population of Rafsanjan is about 268499 with incidence rate of injury of 25/1000 population.

The safe community movement is initiated on 2003, well advocated among the local stake holders and the safe community committee is routinely launches, Community involvement with the partnership of NGOs active in safe community program is well defined.

The 11th safe community committee launched in the Rafsanjan at the governor office, the chancellor of the Rafsanjan medical university and the deputy for health along with 13 other members are actively involved in the program. The director of injury prevention at the ministry of health was participated in

the session. The resolution stated for preparing the international safe community designation for Rafsanjan in 2008.



The safe community committee: the Rafsanjan governor along with the chancellor of the medical university and the deputy for health.

Announcement: Nordic Conference for Safe Communities 27 – 28 May 2008

There is no doubt that the Safe Communities model has been successful and has made it possible to harvest good results in health gains as well as in economic gains. One question remaining is whether the model has gained the users the full gains of its potential or there is still room for improvements. Good results and satisfaction must not keep us from using also the critical points of view, as we want to do in the conference.



The conference will take place at Brunstad Conference Centre on the west side of the Oslo Fiord May 27. – 28. Colleagues from Safe Communities and all others interested in the development of Health through the development of safety through preventive measures are most welcome to attend.

The conference is open to poster presentations within the frames of the conference themes. Poster presentations can be in Scandinavian languages as well as in English. Applications for Poster Presentations should be received by April 1.

The main speeches will be in Scandinavian languages, we ask the presentators to bring Power point presentations in the language used as well as in English, the presentations will be run simultaneously. Plenary discussions are open for debate in Scandinavian languages as well as in English.

Kindly contact Jan Harsem, P.O.Box 23, 1371 Asker to register poster presentations. For further information, contact Jan Harsem Tel -47 66 98 97 85 or mobile + 47 95 77 11 99 or Carina Harsem + 47 92 05 41 00. E-mail jan@harsem.no

All applications for conference participation must be received by March 25th.

Announcement: 2nd International Safety Media Awards

The Second International Seguridad/Safety Media Awards (ISMA) will be held in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico March 16-18, 2008.

Guidelines and entry information is available at www.teachingstory.com. There is no fee to submit media, and no limit to the number of print, audio or video pieces you can enter. The organizers are accepting entries in two divisions: Adult and Youth (18 and under) and three categories: print, video and audio.

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

2008

- **The 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**
15-18 March 2008, Mérida, Yucatan Mexico
<http://www.safety2008mx.info/>
Abstracts: Submission deadline was until July 13, 2007
Early Bird Registration: will be extended until July 30, 2007
Online Registration and Payment is available at <http://www.safety2008mx.info>
Conference Secretariat at: safety2008@insp.mx
- **7th Nordic Safe Community Conference 27-28 May 2008, Oslo, Norway**
For information: peter.koren@chello.no
- **ISVIP Conference on Alcohol, Children and Injuries**
“Children and Injuries” International Conference, Cape Town, 31 August – 3 September 2008.
International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention.

