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**What’s New at the Childminding Café**

**In support of Child Safety Week, The Childminding Café has developed a new eBook for Childminders. Childminders can find lots of tips and guidance all in one place on how best to keep childcare settings safe and reduce accidents occurring while children are being cared for. The aim of the eBook is to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented in the work place? We have joined up with many organisations and the Child Action Prevention Trust (CAPT) annual campaign to help reduce the number of local children suffering serious accidents.**

**Our eBook is now available to download for members of The Childminding Café in the resources section. Follow the link to Our Childminding eBooks, “Child Safety in the Home environment: Advice and Tips for Childminders.**

**What areas of safety does the childminding café eBook cover?**

* Burns and Scalds / Hot Water
* Choking and Suffocation
* Food and Choking
* Strangulation
* Blind Cords
* Poisons
* Button Batteries
* Fire Safety
* Air Safety
* Carbon Monoxide
* Water Safety/Drowning
* Glass Safety
* Using Safety Equipment
* Choosing Safe Toys
* Safer Sleep
* Garden Trampoline Safety
* Car Seats, Booster Seats & Cycle Helmets
* Using Mobile Phones and Cameras
* Bullying and Cyber bullying
* Whistle Blowing
* The Prevent Duty – British Values
* First Aid

**Suggestions of what Childminders can do to raise awareness to making the environment a safer place?**

* Prepare fun activities with children to bring discussion around safety
* Talk to your child’s parents about safety
* Take children to organised events who promote child safety – Road safety officers, fire officers or police are always popular
* Organise an event of your own to raise awareness
* Incorporate follow up activities on a variety of safety issues regularly to maintain awareness and change behaviour strategies
* Talk about personal experiences that both you, children and parents have endured to create engagement
* Share ideas, tips and advice with families and other organisations
* Follow us on Facebook or/and Twitter and share the advice we put up with families, friends and other childminders.

**Car Seat Legislation Update:**

Due to recent updates announced about UK car seat laws – As from December 2016 any child measuring under 125cm or weighs under 22kg, will not be allowed to travel in a backless booster car seat.

Although the new legislation will only affect new booster car seats that have been purchased this year, it is however highly recommended that Childminders replace backless booster seats to make sure children have the best protection possible in the event of an accident. Experts recommend that the safest booster car seats available are high back boosters with a backrest as they allow children to sit more securely whilst reducing the chance of the seatbelt being incorrectly fitted.

All our resources relating to Car Seat Legislation will be updated in due course In line with UK car seat laws and we will send polite reminders to all our members and non-members of The Childminding Café regularly.

You can find further information at Gov.uk or RoSPA – [www.childseats.org.uk/the-law](http://www.childseats.org.uk/the-law)

Sources:

GOV.UK

Car seats: the law

RoSPA 2014

Department for Transport.

Thanks for reading

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