



EU-Safety 2025: Call for abstracts

The deadline for submitting abstracts for this year's European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion ([EU-Safety 2025](#)) is 15 April. Abstracts in the field of injury prevention and safety promotion are welcome for workshops and individual presentations. A full list of potential topic areas can be found [here](#). The main theme of this year's conference, which is being held in Heraklion, Crete on 1 & 2 October, is 'Preparedness to face the unexpected'. The event aims to strengthen the field of injury prevention and safety promotion in Europe by facilitating the exchange of scientific knowledge and enabling networking opportunities for researchers, safety organisations and academics. To submit an abstract, please follow the [author's instructions](#). Abstracts must be submitted via the [online portal](#).

Call for European accident & injuries database

European consumer organisation ANEC has reiterated the need for the European Commission to set up a European accident & injuries database, a move EuroSafe, ANEC and other campaigning organisations have long been [calling for](#). ANEC says reliable and up-to-date data are of huge importance to many stakeholders, including governments, business, standards developers, enforcement authorities, prevention agencies and the general public. In its latest [Discussion Paper](#), *Enhancing fire and life safety and creating awareness about domestic life safety*, ANEC particular focuses on the collection of fire safety data but says the creation of a pan-European accident and injury database would complement existing data sources, such as EUFireStat, and enable stakeholders to be proactive in mitigating risks.



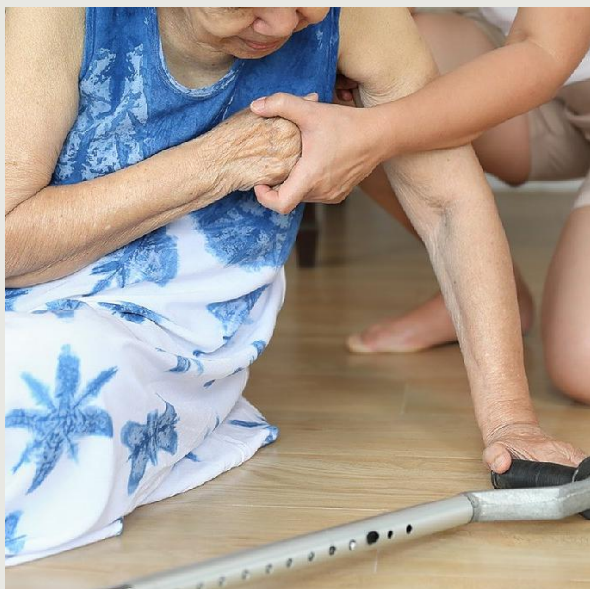
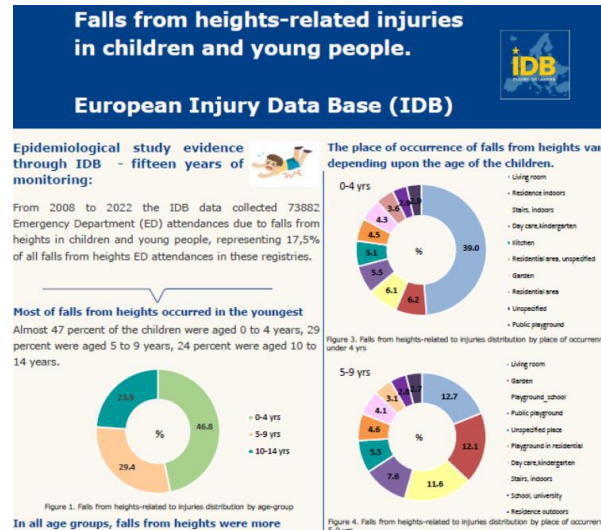
GPSR: new product safety rules

Companies operating in the EU now have to comply with [new rules](#) to make everyday products safer. The *General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR)* applies to non-food products sold in the EU including products sold online. The regulation strengthens the risk assessment needed throughout a product's lifecycle and increases the accountability of EU manufacturers, importers and distributors (known as economic operators) for the safety of products covered by the regulation. The new rules seek to address major societal changes that have affected consumer product safety in the past two decades, such as increasing digitalisation, new technological developments, and globalised supply chains. The safety of goods and products sold online is a particular concern, with over a third of non-

food safety alerts in the EU concerning dangerous products sold online.

New EU-IDB falls infographic

Using data from the [European Injury Database](#), the EU-IDB Advisory Board has created a new infographic on [falls from heights-related injuries in children and young people](#). Between 2008 and 2022, the EU-IDB recorded 73,882 Emergency Department (ED) attendances due to falls from heights in children and young people. The infographic contains data on where the falls occurred e.g. garden, home, day care or public park, as well as the age and sex of those injured. The purpose of the EU-IDB, which EuroSafe co-ordinates, is to facilitate targeted injury prevention policies and programmes at EU and member state level. The database provides information on frequency, main causes, circumstances and consequences of non-fatal injuries that are treated in accident and emergency departments across Europe.



Accidental deaths in UK at an all-time high

RoSPA research has revealed that accidental deaths in the UK have reached an all-time high, with the rate increasing by 42% over the last decade, making them the second biggest killer of people under 40 and the most common cause of preventable death in children under 15. RoSPA's new report, [Safer Lives, Stronger Nation](#), shows accidents now take over 20,000 lives each year in the UK, with almost half (46%) of all accidental deaths in 2022 due to falls. As well as the tragic human loss, preventable accidents cost the UK a massive £12 billion every year due to lost working days and medical care, the report states. RoSPA is calling on the UK Government to implement a National

Accident Prevention Strategy to save lives, boost the economy and free up capacity in the health service.

ERSO focuses on vulnerable road users

The European Road Safety Observatory (ERSO) has published new thematic [reports](#) providing in-depth analysis of road safety for cyclists, pedestrians, powered two-wheelers (PTWs) and users of personal mobility devices. The reports provide valuable insights into the specific risks faced by these vulnerable road users and offer evidence-based recommendations to enhance their safety. ERSO says these reports are critical resources for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders working towards the EU's ambitious goal of halving road deaths and serious injuries by 2030 as set out in the [EU road safety policy framework 2021-2030](#). In 2023, [20,400 people](#) lost their lives in road collisions across the EU.



Sports injuries' lasting impact

[Research](#) by RIVM and VeiligheidNL in the Netherlands has found around 400,000 Dutch people have stopped playing one or more sports in the past two years as a result of a sports injury. In 2023, 4.3million people in the Netherlands collectively suffered 5.3 million sports injuries, more than half of which required medical treatment. Across Europe, analysis of reports made to the [European Injury Database \(EU-IDB\)](#) shows sports injuries account for around 5% of Emergency Department attendances for accidental injury, with fractures being the main type of injury for all sports.

Retrofit smoke detectors says KFV

In Austria, KFV is calling for the mandatory installation of smoke detectors in existing homes and buildings across the country after new [statistics](#) revealed the number of fire deaths in Austria in 2023 reached the highest level since records were available in 2008, with half of the fire deaths being people aged over-65. KFV says over-65s in the country have almost five times the risk of fire death than all people under 65 combined. The most common triggers for fires with fatal consequences are smoking tobacco products followed by cooking utensils, candles and stoves. Although the installation of smoke alarms is already mandatory in new builds in Austria, a recent KFV survey found 47% of people over-65 have not installed smoke detectors in their homes. Smoke alarm installation is mandatory in many European countries, although [regulations](#) vary.



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