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General news

Save the Date:
EuroSafe AGM 2026
EuroSafe will be holding its AGM on Teams on Tuesday 17 November at 10:00am CET. Documents and more information will follow in due course.

EU-IDB provides vital insights into GBV
Analysis of the European Injury Database EU-IDB has identified 10,315 cases of gender-based violence (GBV) against women and girls perpetrated by men which resulted in the victims attending hospital emergency departments. The study, published in The Lancet, analysed violence cases from 18 EU countries (although data coverage varies considerably across countries and years), in order to provide insights into the clinical burden of GBV and to inform targeted strategies for early identification, monitoring, and prevention of GBV in

epidemiological patterns which “can inform documentation practices, staff training, and clinical awareness, while revealing recognition biases that might contribute to underdetection of less visible presentations”.

In this context, the researchers say,

Europe.

The study's authors say the research shows that although GBV-related Emergency Department (ED) presentations represent a small share of injuries, they have distinct

the European Injury Database (IDB), which is managed by EuroSafe and hosted by the Italian National Institute of Health, represents a valuable resource and with more investment could become a cornerstone of European GBV surveillance.

"More than 200,000 people across Europe have died from heat in just the last four years. This must end. Heat is a silent killer, but it is not an inevitable one.

"The new WHO evidence-based guidance we are launching gives authorities a clear roadmap to build the preparedness systems that save lives."

#KeepCool in the heat

WHO issues new heatwave guidance

Thousands of excess deaths have been recorded across Europe due to the extreme heat the continent has been experiencing over the last few weeks.

Temperature records have been broken across the continent, resulting in healthcare systems in some countries being overwhelmed by people suffering from the effects of high heat and dehydration. Many of the people who have died are aged 65 and over.

Speaking at the launch of WHO's new Heat–Health Action Plans guidance, WHO Regional Director for Europe, Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge said: "Europe is warming faster than any other continent – and we are paying for it in lives.

UN meeting to focus on reducing road deaths

'Scaling up and accelerating implementation of commitments to halving road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030' is the focus of a United Nations High-Level Meeting on Improving Global Road Safety which will be held at UN Headquarters in New York on July 20-21. The two-day event will be live-streamed online.

According to the UN, globally, approximately 1.19 million people die each year as a result of road traffic collisions. Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5–29 years.

More than half of all road traffic deaths are among vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. In February, the UN published its Improving global road safety report, which highlighted that road traffic injuries remain a major global health and development challenge.

Members' news

Austrian free swimming buoy rental project

A free swimming buoy rental project has been brought to Austria for the first time by the prevention institution KFV, and has already been

Swimming in lakes is very popular in Austria; however, the risks of open waters are often underestimated. Currents, sudden changes in the weather, exhaustion or health problems can also cause difficulties for experienced swimmers.

Floating buoys increase visibility in the water and can serve as an additional buoyancy aid in an emergency. This means that swimmers from boats, water sports

implemented at three locations, providing swimmers with a simple and effective safety measure free of charge.

enthusiasts or rescue workers can be detected more quickly.

NSF urges drivers to take care when parking

The Norwegian Safety Forum (NSF) is reminding drivers to “Back in and Drive out” when parking to help prevent collisions, particularly in areas where vulnerable pedestrians including children are moving about.

Children are difficult to detect in a vehicle’s blind spot when it is reversing. They also do not have the same understanding of risk as adults, are unpredictable and have no idea that the vehicle driver cannot see them.

"Back in, drive out is a simple principle with great effect,” Tina Hveem Vislie, Injury Prevention Officer at the NSF says.“When you arrive, you have the overview, so use it to reverse safely. When you're about to leave, you drive forward and see everything in front of you. Then you avoid backing out towards children and people you haven't seen coming.”

Dutch campaign to increase cycle helmet use

A new campaign has been launched in the Netherlands to encourage cyclists to wear a helmet, following an increase in the number of cyclists being seriously injured.

In 2025, an estimated 80,900 cyclists in the Netherlands ended up in

Between 2016 and 2025, the number of bicycle casualties with significant injuries increased by 23%. 8,900 casualties were under the age of 12, of which 12% suffered brain damage, figures from VeiligheidNL show.

The campaign is therefore urging cyclists to remember that if things do go wrong, protection is crucial: wearing a bicycle helmet reduces the risk of fatal head injuries by 71% and the risk of serious head injuries by 60% in the event of a collision or

hospital after a cycling accident. Almost 1 in 5 (14,400 cases) had sustained some type of brain damage.

fall. The Netherlands has a rich cycling culture – more than a quarter of all trips are made by bicycle.

RoSPA highlights inland water drowning danger

New data published by the UK National Water Safety Forum (NWSF), which is led by EuroSafe member RoSPA, reveals that 57% of the 202 accidental drowning deaths in the UK in 2025 occurred at inland locations such as rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals, quarry lakes and lochs.

Many inland waters stay dangerously cold all year round in the UK, remaining at 16°C or below even in summer, the temperature at which water is considered hazardous for cold water shock. Cold water shock is the body's involuntary response to sudden immersion in cold water. It causes gasping, panic and loss of swimming ability, all of which can tragically lead to drowning.

The 2025 UK Water Incident Database (WAID), which is maintained by the NWSF, reveals that there were 587 water-related fatalities in the UK from all recorded causes in 2025.

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