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EU-Safety 2025 keynote speakers
With just over two months to go before this year's ***European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion*** (EU-Safety 2025) takes place in Heraklion, Crete on 1 & 2 October, more details on speakers at the event have been announced. Professor Allyson Pollock, Clinical Professor of Public Health at Newcastle University and Honorary Professor at UCL will deliver a keynote speech sharing insights from her vast experience in public health, covering regulatory science, health service organisation, and critical research on childhood injuries and the epidemiology of trauma. Other speakers include Marco Giustini from Italy's Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Elena Petalos from the European Public Health Association, and Ghassan Khalil, UNICEF representative in Greece. Register now. Don't miss out!

Using data to make Europe safer
Did you know that every year millions of injury cases across Europe provide crucial insights that could help prevent future accidents? EU-Safety 2025 will feature the ***EU Injury Data Base*** (EU-IDB) as a central component of its programme. As a cross-national and structured data system capturing detailed information on injuries and accidents across Europe, the EU-IDB offers unique insights into the circumstances, mechanisms and settings of injuries across age groups and genders. But data alone doesn't save lives. Turning information into action does. At ***EU-Safety 2025***, interactive sessions will explore how EU-IDB data can be used to support prevention strategies, guide decision-making and inform targeted interventions. Sign-up now and help us turn data into action for a safer Europe.

Dangerous product alerts increase
The European Commission's annual report on Safety Gate (the European Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products) reveals that 4,137 alerts were received last year, the highest number recorded since the launch of the system in 2003. Safety Gate alerts cover risks to human health and safety, such as choking, strangulation and damage to hearing or sight. Cosmetics are the most frequently reported products, followed by toys, electrical appliances and motor vehicles. Dangerous chemicals and injury risks were the most common hazards reported. European consumer organisations ANEC and BEUC warn that the increase in alerts highlights critical regulatory loopholes and a lack of resources for market surveillance authorities.

Trauma & injury trends in Luxembourg
A new report from EuroSafe member the Luxembourg Institute of Health (LIH) provides a broad analysis of trauma-related deaths and injury-related cases recorded in the country's emergency departments between 2013 and 2020, with the aim of improving prevention strategies and enhancing public safety measures. The data was collected through RETRACE, a comprehensive surveillance system which is modelled on the European Injury Data Base (EU-IDB). It collects detailed information on the causes and circumstances of trauma cases, allowing for accurate comparisons at both national and European levels. Trauma remains a top priority for public health in Luxembourg. The report reveals that a total of 526,381 trauma cases were treated in the country's emergency departments from 2013 to 2020.

Tougher restrictions needed on magnets
Thousands of young children worldwide are still swallowing magnets despite an increase in regulations, an evidence-review has found. Small high-powered magnets are commonly found in household items, such as toys, remotes, and small household appliances. Their accessibility makes them a particular risk for small children. In a bid to better inform policy, researchers analysed international studies (published between 2002 and 2024) on the frequency and medical outcomes of magnet swallowing among children from birth up to the age of 18. They found a significant proportion of the children required admission to hospital, surgery, and/or other medical interventions. Magnets were found in all parts of the gut, and documented injuries included obstruction, twisted intestine, perforation and abscesses.

Less speed, fewer casualties
A UK study which evaluated the road safety impacts of 20mph/30kmph speed limits and zones in London has found their introduction between 1989 and 2013 led to significant reductions in collisions, injuries and deaths, particularly among children and vulnerable road users. Across all 157 20mph/30kmph schemes studied, the results were consistently positive: Total collisions fell by 35% (compared to 12% in the control group); All casualties fell by 36%; Fatal or serious injuries fell by 34%; Child casualties dropped by 46% and children killed by 75%. Among people walking, cycling, or riding motorcycles, killed or seriously injured (KSI) figures were reduced by 28%.

#KeepCool in the heat
With temperatures across Europe reaching record highs, WHO/Europe's annual #KeepCool campaign provides simple and practical guidance for individuals and communities to stay safe during hot weather. Soaring temperatures pose an escalating risk to human health, particularly to the elderly and the young who can struggle to regulate body temperature. Prolonged exposure to extreme heat can overwhelm the body's natural cooling mechanism, leading to serious health issues and potential medical emergencies. Beyond direct heat-related illnesses, extreme temperatures exacerbate existing chronic conditions.

Electrical Product Safety Conference 2025
UK EuroSafe member Electrical Safety First will hold its annual ***Electrical Product Safety Conference***, in partnership with ICPHSO, on 16 October in London. Now in its 17th year, the theme of this year's event is 'Back to Basics'. Key topics to be discussed include: Legislative and regulatory updates; E-micromobility and safety challenges; and Industry best practice. The event will explore emerging trends in the electrical product sector and highlight the crucial role of innovation in supporting the transition to a Net Zero future. Register now

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