



# STAY-SAFE

CHILD SAFETY SCHEME

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**28 Jan 2008**



**Stay Safe has been established to provide safety equipment for families of young children on a low income.**

Please note:-

Stay Safe is a discretionary scheme. All equipment is provided and installed free of charge after which it becomes the responsibility of the named recipient to ensure the equipment is kept in good condition and kept strictly in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

**Terms and Conditions**

1. The scheme is only open to families with at least one child aged between 8 months and 24 months.
2. To qualify, families must be in receipt of benefits related to low income (as specified) and provide evidence of this at the point of referral e.g. award letter.
3. The home safety equipment will be fitted by staff appointed by Wrexham County Borough Council or the North Wales Fire Service, as appropriate.
4. The equipment is provided and fitted free of charge.
5. The named recipient will remain responsible for the safe usage and management of the safety equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
6. The equipment becomes the responsibility of the applicant immediately after installation.
7. The time and date of fitting/installation will be subject to confirmation by Wrexham County Borough Council. If Home & Fire Safety checks are required, Officers will make contact with the family to make the necessary arrangements.
8. 'Wrexham County Borough Council accepts no responsibility for any damage, injury or loss of any kind or description arising out of the supply of, or use of, equipment provided under the Stay Safe Scheme'.
9. An attempt will be made at the discretion of the fitter to gain access to the house. If he is unable to do so, a calling card will be left with the expectation that the parent/guardian will contact the fitters to arrange an appointment. **Failure to not make contact within 14 days will result in the job being cancelled.**

\*For further information please contact **Victoria Jones on 01978 315451**

## **'Twelve Top Tips for Home Safety'**

- 1.** Young children will put things in their mouths and may choke. Make sure that small objects e.g. bottle tops, pens tops, buttons etc are not left lying around.
- 2.** Keep cleaning agents e.g. bleach or washing up liquid in a locked or high cupboard. Accidental consumption can be fatal or lead to long term health problems.
- 3.** Open windows act as a magnet for inquisitive small children. Make sure that windows are securely fastened and that the child is unable to climb up to the window by moving chairs etc.
- 4.** When cooking, make sure that saucepan handles are turned towards the rear of the cooker.
- 5.** Make sure that knives, forks or any sharp items are stored away. Avoid using glass tumblers – use plastic instead.
- 6.** Cracked or broken toys can expose sharp edges and should be safely disposed of.
- 7.** Trapped fingers are extremely painful. Advise every member of the household to check before closing a door. This includes car doors.
- 8.** The safety gate can be located at areas where research shows the child is at most risk from an accident. Use your own judgement as to where it should be located.
- 9.** If you have a dog, please be aware that regardless of how soft and loyal you think it is – they can and frequently do turn on small children. Never leave a dog and a small child alone in the same room.
- 10.** It is particularly dangerous and also an offence to carry an unrestrained child in a car. Depending on their age and size, children should be protected either by appropriate fitted seats or safety belts.
- 11.** Do not allow small children to play with matches.
- 12.** Be particularly careful when reversing vehicles, a small child could be playing nearby.

## REFERRAL FORM

<b>Referral Date:</b>		
<b>Referral completed:</b> <i>(please tick)</i>	In the home	
	In the clinic	

<b>Childs Name:</b>	
<b>Date of Childs Birth:</b>	
<b>Parents/Guardians Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Contact Number:</b>	

**Please indicate if the property is:**  
*(please tick)*

<b>Council Housing</b>		<b>Housing Association</b>		<b>Privately Owned</b>		<b>Privately Rented</b>	
			(Please name)				

\*If privately rented, **permission must be sought from Landlord** for fitting of the gates and fireguard.

**Landlords Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Landlords Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>National Insurance Number</b> <b>(see award notice)</b>	
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**DECLARATION** – please read this declaration or have it read to you before you sign and date it:

I understand that you will use the information I have provided to process this application. You may check this information with other sources within the Council or the North East Wales NHS Trust. You may also pass some information to other government organisations, if the law allows. I declare the information I have given is correct and complete.

<b>Parent/Guardian Signature:</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Health Visitor to complete:**

I **have** had sight of one or more of the following benefits listed below:

- Current Income Support Paid Order Book
- Family tax credit
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Benefit Rates (Council Tax)

**(You must indicate)**

<b>Health Visitor</b> <b>(Print name)</b> <b>Health Centre</b> Address & Phone No	<b>Signature</b>
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**Please Tick Your Preferred Option:-**

**Safety Gates**  
( x 2 maximum located as  
determined by the fitter)

**Fire Safety Check**  
by Fire Service

**Smoke Detector**  
**(if required)**

**Fireguard**

**Home Safety Pack**

**Send this form to:-**

**Victoria Jones**  
**Wrexham County Borough Council**  
**Housing Services**  
**Ruthin Road**  
**Wrexham**  
**LL13 7TU**

**01978 315451**

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## Guidance for Practitioners

Is this family entitled to free equipment on the Stay Safe Scheme?

Yes if:

The child is between 8 and 24 months old

**AND**

The family is in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income Based Job Seekers Allowance**
- **Child tax credit** - with a family income of £14,495 or less at 07/08
- **Benefit rates**

**\*If the grand-parent is the child's guardian, then Guaranteed Pension Credit would be accepted**

**No other category of benefit or other income qualifies.**

1. Children should be referred around the 8 month developmental check.
2. The child **must be under 24 months** of age.
3. Practitioners **must sign** to say they have sighted proof of appropriate benefit and the National Insurance Number must be provided.
4. Parents / Guardians must sign in accordance with the **Declaration (p3)**.
5. On receipt of the referral pro-forma, an attempt will be made at the discretion of the fitter to gain access to the house. If he is unable to do so, a calling card will be left with the expectation that the parent will contact the fitters to arrange an appointment. **Please stress to the parent, if they do not make contact within 14 days the job will be cancelled.**
  - **Equipment will not be issued until a completed form is received from the health visitor.**

### **Please Note:**

**\*Referrals are not to be taken over the phone and all information is to be recorded on the parent/guardian record card.**

For further information please contact: **Victoria Jones on (01978) 315451**