

How *Risk Watch* works?

Risk Watch is a school-based program with an important addition. It brings together safety leaders from fire and police departments, health care providers, school boards and emergency services.

Community safety partners reinforce classroom lessons from a real world perspective.

This approach makes the best use of resources from each group. Participation by all organizations also means shared leadership and responsibility for community safety.



Visit ...
www.riskwatch.org
for more information about
Risk Watch

How to get involved?

The Saskatchewan *Risk Watch* Champion Program brings together community coalitions for a weekend workshop. Workshop participants learn about the injury problem and discover how a community-based approach to injury prevention can help see fewer of our children getting hurt and killed. Sets of teaching and evaluation materials are provided to each coalition.

Working in partnership, Champions plan, implement and evaluate a comprehensive injury prevention strategy in their local communities.

Visit the OFC Web Site at:
<http://www.cps.gov.sk.ca/Safety/fire/default.shtml>
for more information about Risk Watch in Saskatchewan and scheduled activities.



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A Comprehensive,
Community-Based Approach
to Injury Prevention



Risk Watch™

An Injury Prevention
Program for Elementary
School-Aged Children

Why Risk Watch?

For Saskatchewan children the #1 health risk is injuries. For ages 1 – 19, 70% of all deaths are due to injury. The human and financial toll of preventable injuries is just too high. And it doesn't have to be this way.

What is Risk Watch?

Risk Watch is a comprehensive school-based injury prevention resource for students in preschool through grade eight. It teaches youngsters how to recognize risks and make safer choices. Each grade-specific module covers 8 risk areas.

Why Risk Watch works?

Risk Watch is all about teaching kids how to avoid preventable injuries. It's aimed at the changing learning styles of children as they grow. Teachers like the resource because it was developed by safety and curriculum professionals and it fits seamlessly into the classroom. *Risk Watch* is also a close fit with Saskatchewan Learning core curricula. The community likes the program because it targets preventable injuries – the number one cause of child injury and death. And kids like *Risk Watch* because it's fun.

Risk Watch Safety Components



Motor Vehicle Safety



Fire and Burn Prevention



Choking, Suffocation and Strangulation Prevention



Poisoning Prevention



Falls Prevention



Firearms Injury Prevention



Bike and Pedestrian Safety



Water Safety

Risk Watch™ works!

Risk Watch is working in a big way in North Battleford. A coalition representing teachers, the health care community, school board officials, police and the fire department attended the Saskatchewan Office of the Fire Commissioner Risk Watch Champion Program in 1999. Then they went to work.

Community groups like the Kiwanis, A.C.T. and Rotary Club raised thousands of dollars to put Risk Watch curriculum kits into eight North Battleford schools.

Now more than 1500 children are getting effective life safety and injury prevention messages throughout every school year.



Risk Watch Fun in North Battleford