
Information sheet for the parents/caregivers of children

Research project: 'Unintentional Child Injury and Child Safety Health Promotion in Oman.'

This information sheet is about a research project being undertaken by:

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Invitation: We would like to invite you to participate in a research study we are conducting. Before you decide, it is important that you understand why the study is being done and what it would involve. Please read this sheet of information and discuss it with others if you wish. If there is anything unclear, or if you would like more information, please contact Muna at the address provided at the end of this sheet.

What is research and why is it so important? Research is a systematic process of discovering new information and solving problems. It can be done in many ways, but this project hopes to obtain your opinion through an anonymous online questionnaire. Research is vital in healthcare as the information collected can help teach and guide health professionals about developing what they do.

What is the project about? This project looks at the child injury prevention and health promotion of safety in the home and surrounding areas. Example of injuries to children include falls from height, burns, drowning, suffocation and poisoning. We want to know what parents, caregivers and nurses think about preventing child injury in young children and how they do it. It will help improve health promotion to prevent injuries to meet the needs of Omani families like yours.

Why have I been asked to take part? You are invited to participate in this study because you are a mother, father, or caregiver taking care of a child/children under the age of six years and willing to complete a research questionnaire. We hope to have around 365 respondents take part on this online questionnaire

Do I have to take part? It is up to you to decide if you want to participate. If you decide to participate, you will be free to withdraw from the study at any time without giving reasons. If you participate, you may withdraw at any time before or while completing the form. However, since we only collect anonymous information through the online evaluation form (i.e. you are not asked for your personal details or given a participant number), you cannot withdraw your data once it is submitted.

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What will happen if I decide to take part? If you would like to share your opinion and participate in the study, please follow the weblink (details to be inserted). Before participating in the questionnaire, you will be asked to read and sign a consent form saying you understand the project and you are willing to take part. Once you click in agree to participate, the page will take you to the questionnaire. It consists of closed-ended questions with space for your comments. You will need around 30 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Once the questionnaire complete you can submit it.

What will happen to the information that is collected? Your participation in this online questionnaire is completely anonymous (you do not need to write your name or address). Any information gathered will only be seen by Muna and her two supervisors. We will keep all information safe and secure in a secure account at the University of Birmingham.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part? It is possible that some questions may trigger concerns or unpleasant memories, and you may feel distressed. If this happened and you felt you want to talk, you can at the first instance talk to the research team at the contacts described at the end of this information sheet. However, please note that the research team cannot advise you about your personal situation. If your distress increased following completing the survey and felt you need professional psychological consultation, contact your health centre (GP) or polyclinic. For any general health inquiry, you can call the Ministry of Health Call Center at 24441999.

If you have any concern about any hazard in your neighbourhood dangerous for the public, you must immediately call and inform the proper authority: Municipality emergency at 1111 and Royal Oman Police at 9999. Any observed child abuse or negligence can be reported at child protection hotline 1100.

There are two websites at the end of the questionnaire that may help you learn some information about injury prevention.

What are the possible benefits of taking part? This study offers you the opportunity to reflect on your knowledge about unintentional child injury and explore your attitudes and behaviours. By taking part, you will allow the researchers to understand injury prevention practices better. It will also allow them to recommend changes if needed to the unsafe practice.

Whom should I contact if I have a problem? If a problem arises or you wish to make a complaint about this study's conduct, you may speak to the researcher Muna Al Mushaikhi and contact the lead PhD supervisor Professor Julie Taylor j.taylor.1@bham.ac.uk. You can also contact the Centre of Research and Studies, Ministry of Health, Oman on nfo@mohcsr.gov.om or Call : (+968) 22357280

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential? You will complete the online questionnaire anonymously. The data cannot be traced back to you as an individual and we do not ask you for personal information such as your name, date of birth or address.

What will happen to the results of the study? The study is for fulfilment of a PhD; hence the results will be a part of a thesis. It will be also presented in a conference and published in a peer reviewed journal. A one-page summary (in an appropriate accessible format) will be posted on the study webpage explaining the study findings once the research is complete.

Who has reviewed the study? This study has been reviewed and given a favourable opinion by the Research Ethics and Review Committee at the University of Birmingham and the Ministry of Health Oman.

Whom should I contact for more details? If you would like to know more about this project, to take part or ask questions, please contact:

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Thank you for considering taking part.

You can print this participant information sheet or keep a copy on your computer