

Safe Home 4 Me

E-Learning Programme for Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Background

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust is one of the five health trusts operating in Northern Ireland under the Health and Social Care (HSC) in Northern Ireland. It provides health and social care services to the Northern Ireland public.

The Southern Trust wanted to develop a learning programme for children aged 3 – 7 years to raise awareness about the factors that can cause accidents at home.

Challenge

The Southern Trust wanted us to develop a learning programme that could be delivered by teachers in schools or by children independently, and that would:

- inform teachers and pupils of the different types of accidents that can happen;



- assist teachers and pupils with accident prevention strategies;
- promote an understanding of the impact of accidents, both immediate and in the long-term;
- encourage pupils to become pro-active in their own home by engaging with their parent or carer on accident prevention strategies; and
- instruct pupils on appropriate and step-by-step use of emergency services when dealing with accidents in and around the home.

Clients Say:

"The Trust has found the Safehome4me website to be an extremely useful way of engaging with young children and with their parents and teachers on understanding why accidents can happen in and around the home and how, with a few easy steps, they can be easily avoided.

The development of the website and teaching resource was a collaborative process between the Promoting Wellbeing Department within the Southern Trust and the team in Aurion who worked very closely to ensure that the original vision of an interactive resource for children was maximised."

Gerard Rocks,
Head of Health Improvement

Solution

The content for **Safehome4me.com** was developed through a multi-disciplinary group from the health and education sector. Where possible content and activities were designed to fit in with the main areas of personal, social and health education (PSHE) and citizenship set out in the Northern Ireland Curriculum for Foundation Stage and Primary School children.

Safehome4me.com is an interactive website designed especially for children in pre-school settings, nursery schools and primary schools, but it can easily be used by parents/carers at home too.

Watch and Learn

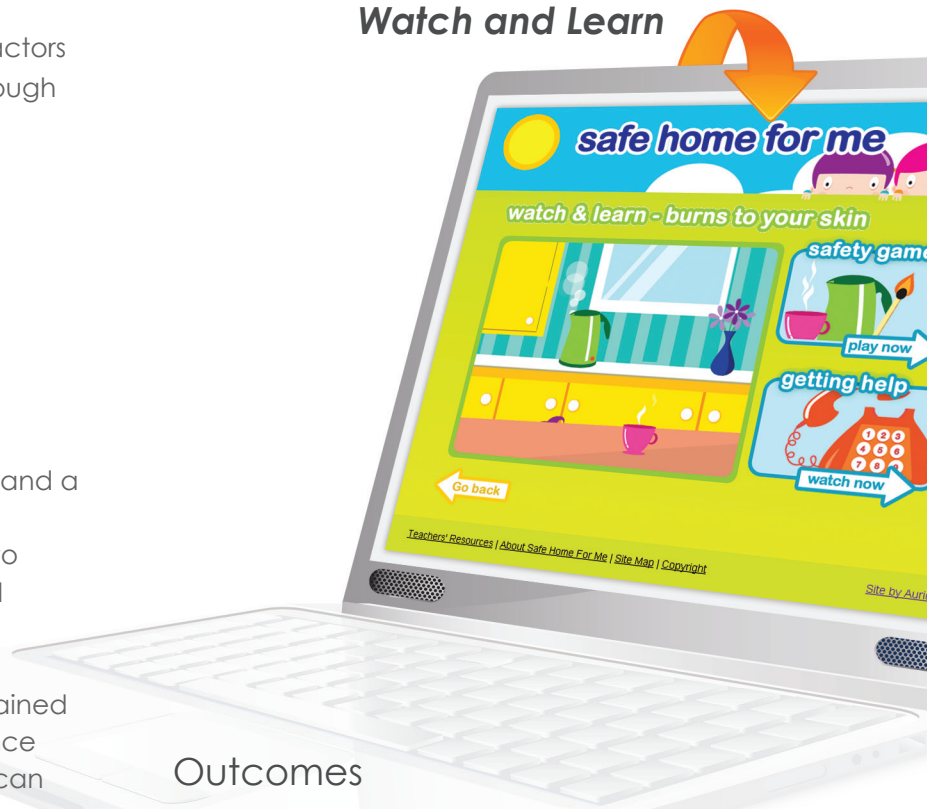
Safehome4me.com clearly illustrates the factors that can cause accidents in the home through watch and learn animations that focus on:

- Bouncing;
- burns to your skin;
- falling and crashing;
- poisons;
- ear, nose and mouth; and
- getting help.

It features two animated characters, a girl and a boy, that children can relate to. Children complete the interactive games to consolidate the learning and are awarded certificates of achievement.

The scenarios and games work best if explained and discussed with an adult initially, but once children are familiar with the games, they can continue to use them alone or in small groups.

The website also includes a teacher/carer resource which covers a range of safety topics relevant to the home, and includes activity sheets, posters, leaflets and reports. It encourages discussion and further activities.



Outcomes

Safehome4me.com is available online to all teachers, parents and carers. It helps children develop attitudes and behaviours around keeping themselves safe, keeping others safe and knowing what to do if an accident happens.

Children are encouraged to bring this learning home and share it with parents and carers to change aspects of their behaviours or modify the home environment in order to reduce the risk of an accident happening.

Safehome4me.com and an accompanying resource pack have been profiled extensively through schools, early years networks and using regional advertising sources such as NI4Kids. Both teachers and early years workers have received induction seminars on the use of the website and the learning and development tools in the class room and early years settings.

Interactive Games



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