



## **Collation of measures and indicators**

### **Indicator: Government approved national injury prevention strategy with specific targets and timelines related to child and adolescent choking/strangulation prevention**

RICHE Code 81

Originating project – Child Safety Report Cards

#### **Operational definition**

Government approved national injury prevention strategy with specific targets and timelines related to child and adolescent choking/strangulation prevention

#### **Background**

The indicator is part of the Child Safety Report Cards initiative, which provides an overview of countries' levels of safety provided to their youngest and most vulnerable citizens through national policy. They are based on an examination of evidenced good practice policies to support child and adolescent safety in each country. They were developed as part of the Child Safety Action Plan Project (CSAP) <http://www.childsafetyeurope.org/actionplans/index.html>

Although they occur less often than other causes of injury death, airway and breathing related injuries are often fatal injuries. Inequities in choking/strangulation deaths for children and adolescents exist with over a 50 times greater risk for choking/strangulation in the lowest performing country compared to that of the best performing country.

#### **Technical criteria**

National laws or policies establishing a government approved national injury prevention strategy with specific targets and timelines related to child and adolescent choking/strangulation prevention

#### **Data sources**

Child Safety Report Cards <http://www.childsafetyeurope.org/reportcards/downloads.html>

#### **Data availability**

National availability for 26 countries in Europe

#### **References**

Child Safety Action Plan Project (CSAP) <http://www.childsafetyeurope.org/actionplans/index.html>

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