

# Injury Prevention Committee

Statewide Trauma Advisory Council

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

# Acronyms

- **ATV: All-terrain vehicle**
- **UTV: Utility task vehicle**

# Agenda

- Introductions and announcements
- Review and approve June 2023 meeting minutes
- Pediatric falls data review
- Playground falls highlights
- ATV/UTV update
- Injury prevention resources project update
- Public comments related to injury prevention within the Wisconsin trauma care system

# Injury Prevention Committee

- **Chair:** Amanda Tabin, Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Region 2, Level II
- **Vice Chair:** Kathi Hegranes, ThedaCare Neenah Hospital, Region 6, Level II

# Injury Prevention Committee

- **Caroline Glander**, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital, Region 3, Level II
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- **Karmen Bryer**, Beloit Memorial Health System, Region 5, Level III
- **Kimberly Lombard**, Froedtert/MCW, Region 7, Level I
- **Libbe Slavin**, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Region 7, Level I
- **Mary Lauby**, UW Health, Region 5, Level I
- **Megan Anderson**, Gundersen Health System, Region 4, Level II
- **Rishelle Eithun**, American Family Children's Hospital, Region 5, Level I

# Approval of Minutes

# Pediatric Falls Data Review

# Pediatric Falls Data Review

- 2022 Data from the Trauma Registry
- For discussion only

Fall Type	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17
Fall from same level	63	86	87	37
Fall from playground equipment	44	143	19	1
Other fall	67	68	21	11
Fall from furniture	90	37	7	2
Fall on stairs	69	16	12	10
Fall from height (ladder, window, etc)	22	29	12	12
Fall while being carried	43	3	1	1
Fall due to ice and snow			6	3
Fall in shower or tub	2		2	1
Fall into water or diving injury			2	3



# Playground Falls Highlights

# American Family Children's Hospital

- Program description: Soft Surface Education to Town Park Board Members
- Key partners: Park boards and local community families and leaders
- One time education on the importance of soft surfaces in parks.

# American Family Children's Hospital

- Key Takeaway: Town boards have funding for soft surfaces and some board members were unaware that parks in their town/village did not have soft surfaces.
- Key Takeaway: Working with families that play at the park was valuable.
- Barriers: Getting on the agenda
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# Gundersen Health System and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

- Background: Falls are a top injury, especially in the 5-9 age category.
- Conducted surveys with schools, daycares, park and rec to determine;
  - ◆ If policies were in place for their playgrounds.
  - ◆ Frequency of inspection of equipment.
  - ◆ If there was any training received by staff.
  - ◆ If signage was posted at the playground.
  - ◆ If tracking of injuries on playgrounds occur.
  - ◆ What gaps/needs exist from their perspective.

# Gundersen Health System and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

- Conducted surveys with medical providers on;
  - ◆ What they were seeing for injuries.
  - ◆ What types of equipment.
  - ◆ Theories on reason for injury.
- Data Review: CDC data showed school playgrounds during school months was the biggest group of playground fall injuries.

# Gundersen Health System and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

- Program description: Playground Safety Inspector Course by the National Park and Recreation Association was used as a guide.
  - ◆ PowerPoint based recorded training
  - ◆ Additional resources including playground tracking tool, playground policy, and outdoor public playground safety handbook
  - ◆ SafeKids WI webpage under coalition tools
- Priority population: Schools and daycares

# Gundersen Health System and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

- Barriers: Schools often see money being a barrier to safe playgrounds
- Takeaway: Simple things like volunteer playground supervisors or dedicated supervisors to areas of highest injury related equipment can be effective ways to reduce playground related falls

# Gundersen Health System and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

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# Marshfield Medical Center

- Program description: Safe playgrounds at school. Powerpoint and materials are distributed to elementary schools in the area
  - ◆ Include soft surfaces, TBI, and various safety risks to watch for
- Key partners: Elementary schools and SafeKids WI
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# ATV/UTV Update

# ATV/UTV Legislation

- ATV/UTV and open intoxicants
  - No change
  - Assembly Bill 260
  - Senate Bill 262
- Passenger restriction on ATV/UTV
  - No change
  - Assembly Bill 216
  - Senate Bill 217

# Educational Opportunity

- RideSafe by BPR “Gear-Up” Presentations
- September 13, 2023
  - ◆ Location: Douglas County, WI
- September 14, 2023
  - ◆ Location: Hayward High School, Sawyer County, Wisconsin
- September 15, 2023
  - ◆ Location: Washburn County, Wisconsin
- For more information, visit [www.ridesafefoundation.org](http://www.ridesafefoundation.org)

# Injury Prevention Resources Project Update

Questions?