

**For Newsletters:**

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## **Safekids Driveway Run Over Injury Workshops Scheduled**



Safekids New Zealand invites national, regional and community organisations with an interest in child injury prevention to attend its regional workshops focusing on ***Child Driveway Run Over Injury Prevention***.

Every two weeks a child is hospitalised with serious injuries resulting from a vehicle driving on a private driveway in New Zealand. A further five children are killed annually, on average, in the same way.

Most children injured in driveway incidents are toddlers, aged about two years old and when death does not occur, the injuries they receive are often severe. The driver is usually a close family member. The devastating impact of these events upon families cannot be overstated.

“The Safekids Campaign workshop is an opportunity for Child Injury Prevention practitioners, agencies, community groups, volunteer services and organisations to receive up-to-date information and new resources on this injury issue,” said Ann Weaver, Director, Safekids New Zealand.

Thirty (30) workshops are scheduled from May to June in key locations, where attendees have an opportunity to network across sectors, engage in planning activities, and develop joint strategies for action in their local community.

For a list of confirmed workshops, visit:

[www.safekids.org.nz/index.php/page/Workshops](http://www.safekids.org.nz/index.php/page/Workshops)

Find out how you can help prevent ***Child Driveway Run Over Injuries*** in your community by attending the **Safekids Campaign Workshop Series 2011.**

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### **About Safekids New Zealand**

Safekids New Zealand is the injury prevention service of Starship Children's Health and a member of Safe Kids Worldwide. Our mission is to reduce the incidence and severity of unintentional injuries to New Zealand's children aged 0 - 14 years. For more information, contact Anthony Rola at [anthonyr@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:anthonyr@adhb.govt.nz), visit [www.safekids.org.nz](http://www.safekids.org.nz) or call 09 631 0717.