

## **National Safe Kids Week**

**June 3-9, 2019**

June 3-9 2019 is celebrated as National Safe Kids Week across Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador will be participating in these events. Coordinated in the province by Safety NL, the provincial launch will be held at Beachy Cove Elementary School, Portugal Cove-St. Philips with an assembly involving students, staff, community leaders, government representatives, safety professionals and other guests. The focus of the week is fall prevention, a topic close to the heart of NLIPC. Working with NLIPC member Jeanette Byrne we have coordinated a child-age appropriate fall prevention message which will be given at the assembly by physiotherapist Hillary Cole of the Newfoundland and Labrador Balance and Dizziness Center. There will be a bicycle and bicycle helmet safety presentation from Safety NL instructor and event coordinator Madonna Shea. The school will also be presenting some musical performances on the theme and the official proclamation will be read.

With financial support from Suncor and AON, there will be a bicycle draw for one lucky winner and a presentation of bike helmets to a student in every class of that school. Through the Safety NL Lids for Kids program bicycle helmets have been made available to a number of organizations around the province to promote the safety message. In Central Health, NLIPC member Christine Hicks is coordinating a Safe Kids Week launch in Peterview on Monday June 3 at 9:00 am at the YMCA "We Care Center" for ages 1-4 years and are expecting about 10-12 children. They have invited community partners such as RCMP, fire department, parents and Central Health representatives. We thank Christine for her continued support. There are likely initiatives that others are doing elsewhere in the province which we are unaware of. If so, we would love to hear about them and we thank everyone who makes safety a priority in their daily lives and supports the safety message especially among the youth of the province.

While outside National Safe Kids Week, Safety NL is also organizing a Safety Fair in Paradise on June 19 at the Hedley Blundon Gymnasium in the Paradise Recreation Center. All four elementary schools in Paradise are participating in the day and will have students in grade 2 or 3 attend. There will be approximately 8 to 10 displays and presentations on a variety of safety topics from community organizations which the students will experience during their visit. We look forward to this as we bring the school year to an end and children begin their summer holidays. Thank you to all who support us in this effort.