



Child Safety Self Referral Form



DASH Child Safety Service is a pilot scheme funded up to 31st March 2015.
Acceptance onto the scheme is subject to the availability of funding and equipment.

Date of Referral		Scheme Ref No <small>(office use only)</small>	
		Job Sheet No <small>(office use only)</small>	

Name of Parent / Carer:			
Address:			
Post Code:		Tel:	
		Mob:	

Name of Child:		Sex	M / F	DOB		Age	Months
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Ethnicity of Child (as identified by family)				
		Please tick ✓		Please tick ✓
White: British (WB)			Bangladeshi (B)	
White Irish (WI)			Any Other Asian Background (OA)	
Any other White Background (WO)			Black – Caribbean (BC)	
White and Black Caribbean (WBC)			Black – African (BA)	
White and Black African (WBA)			Any Other Black Background (OB)	
Mixed: White and Asian (WA)			Chinese (C)	
Any Other Mixed Background (OM)			Any Other Ethnic Group (O)	
Indian (I)			Not disclosed (ND)	
Pakistani (P)				

Eligibility		
Child aged 4 – 12 months. <i>(Evidence will be required prior to equipment being fitted)</i>	Yes	No
Property is the child's main place of residence.	Yes	No
Refitting of equipment due to relocation.	Yes	No

Equipment can be provided for children over 12 months where it is specifically recommended by Health/Child Care Professional. If you think this applies to your child, please ask your Health/Child Care Professional to complete the section below.

Name of Professional referrer: (please print)		Team / Org:	
Signed:		Date:	
Contact Tel No.		Email:	

Child Safety Equipment requested (please tick ✓)

Safety Gates x 2		Kitchen Cupboard Lock x 1	
Fireguard x 1		Bath Thermometer	
Blind Cord Winders (Cleats)		Number of blinds in property

Parent/Carer Agreement

1. I would like to be included in the **DASH Child Safety Scheme** and I have read and understood the scheme details (which I have retained).
2. I understand that this is a pilot scheme and my inclusion on the scheme is dependent on funding and equipment being available.
3. I confirm that I have been informed that safety gates are only recommended to be used for a child up to the age of **24 months**.
4. I agree to pay £5 towards the fitting cost which I will pay to the DASH Home Safety Technician on the day of fitting.
5. I understand that once the equipment has been supplied and fitted it shall become my property and that I will be responsible for maintaining the condition of the equipment.
6. I understand that the equipment I receive is intended to help reduce the risk of accidents but **does not** replace or reduce the need for adult supervision.
7. I confirm that I am the owner/tenant (Please delete as necessary) of the property and that if I am a tenant I have obtained my landlords permission to fit the items.
8. I confirm that the information provided in this referral form is correct and I consent to any information that I have given being shared with Blackburn with Darwen Public Health, the DASH Service and the Children's Centre and that it will be treated as confidential by all concerned.

Name of Parent or Carer : (please print)			
Signed:		Date:	

Please hand in your completed referral form to your local Children's Centre

or post it to:

**DASH (Decent & Safe Homes) Service
N Floor, Town Hall, Blackburn, BB1 7DY**

For any enquiries please contact us

Tel : 01254 588822

e-mail: dash@blackburn.gov.uk



Child Safety Service Scheme Details

(To be retained by Parent or Carer)



Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is committed to helping parents to reduce the number and severity of accidents which cause injury to children aged 0-5 years. This is part of a wider programme of work which also includes accidents that cause injuries across the whole population and supports ambitions as set out in the Blackburn with Darwen Accident Prevention Strategy. When children have accidents, it can impact on their long term emotional and physical health; incur financial costs for the NHS and other services and impacts on the wider family who might need to take time off work or education to provide care for an injured child. Children aged 0-5 years are most likely to be injured through falling (down stairs, off high surfaces), but they are also at high risk of choking suffocation and strangulation, poisoning, burns and drowning.

You **will** be eligible for the DASH Child Safety Scheme (subject to funding) if you meet **all** of the following criteria:

- have a child aged 4 – 12 months
- are residents of Blackburn with Darwen
- the property for which the equipment is requested is the main place of residence for the child

You **will not** be eligible for the scheme if:

- you have previously received home safety equipment fitted by the DASH Child Safety Service or Safety First for the claiming child or for another child in your household within the last 6 months.
- you are applying for equipment at a second place of residence.
- where fitting of equipment is unsafe or unpractical.

If you meet the criteria above you are invited to make a referral to the DASH service using the Self-Referral Form attached.

Please note: The equipment will be fitted only if the Home Safety Technician is satisfied that locations are safe and technically suitable and that the items can be fitted and used in accordance with the Manufacturers Guidance.

All gates provided by the scheme must be fitted by the DASH Home Safety Technician and will not be left with families to fit themselves.

The DASH Child Safety Scheme includes:

Safety Gates

Up to a maximum of 2 child safety gates will be fitted per property. Wherever possible these will be fitted at the top and bottom of your staircase if it is safe and technically possible to do so. Where this is not possible suitable alternative locations will be sought eg. bedroom door, kitchen door etc.

Warning - Safety Gates are only recommended for a child up to the age of 24 months

Fireguards

Up to a maximum of 1 fireguard will be fitted per property where there is a working gas or electric fire. All fireguards provided by the scheme must be fitted by the DASH Home Safety Technician and will not be left with families to fit themselves.

Blind Cord Cleats

Up to a maximum of 4 cleats will be fitted within the property to working blinds to avoid strangulation. All cleats provided by the scheme must be fitted by the DASH Home Safety Technician and gates will not be left with families to fit themselves. A window sticker will be provide with each cleats fitted.

Cupboard Locks

One cupboard lock per property will be fitted to the kitchen cupboard where chemicals or cleaning products are stored to prevent poisoning. All locks provided by the scheme must be fitted by the DASH Home Safety Technician and will not be left with families to fit themselves.

Bath Thermometer

A Bath Thermometer will be left with each family to help ensure the safe temperature of your baby's bath water to prevent scalding.

The equipment is provided free of charge however there is a £5 contribution towards the fitting charge will must be paid to the Home Safety Technician of the date of fitting.

You will be notified in writing of your fitting appointment details. If the date and/or time is not convenient you can contact us to re-arrange it. Please note: If you fail to contact us and we are unable to gain access when we visit your referral may be cancelled.

Customer Satisfaction

Following fitting of your equipment you may be asked to complete a written satisfaction questionnaire. However please feel free to contact the DASH Team at any time to discuss any concerns or compliments you may have.



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