

Risk Highlighted:

- The NHSE/I North West Safeguarding and Quality team have received communications from Alder Hey Children's Hospital.
- In the previous two months there have been two child deaths and two children sustaining life changing traumatic injuries associated with falling fire surrounds.
- There is limited UK based research on this issue. However, there are several cases, reported via the media, of children under the age of 7 who have been killed because of falling fire surrounds that have not been professionally secured.

Significant Injury and Death in Children Caused by Falling Fire Surrounds

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Immediate Actions:

- Information shared with the Merseyside Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Coordinator.
- Information shared with NHSE/I Regional Safeguarding Leads from other regions.
- Information shared with the Office of Health Inequalities Disparities (OHID), formally Public Health England.

Recommendations:

- Designated Professionals and Nurses to share this information with local Safeguarding Partnerships and Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP).
- Practitioners working with parents/carers of young children to increase awareness of the risks of unsecured furniture, televisions and fire surrounds.
- [Fire Surround Safety](#) advice to be shared through communications teams.
- For anyone affected by this issue please seek emotional wellbeing support from your organisation. Alternatively, you can text FRONTLINE to 85258 for support 24/7 via text or Call: 0800 069 6222