



## **Riskwatch**

### **Project Overview**

Risk Watch is a comprehensive, school based, injury prevention education program aimed at the major risk areas that affect school-age children. The curriculum includes activities to address these unintentional injuries and will discuss positive choices to improve their personal safety and well being. The Program is easily integrated into major core subjects such as math, science, and language arts. Participation is also elicited from the students parents; thus reinforcing and increasing the range of these messages.

The National Fire Prevention Association emphasizes a community-based coalition strategy to public education. Once the testing stage of Risk Watch is complete, the program will rely heavily on the commitment of many community agencies, including the Safe Communities Coalition to ensure it's long term success.

Currently the Emergency Services Sub-Committee is planning a 100 Hole Golf Marathon to raise the funds necessary to purchase the curriculum. It is hoped that this curriculum will be implemented in all classrooms (Grades 1-8) early in 1998.

### **Defined Objective**

To reduce the number of injuries in children (4-13 years) by 30%.

### **Project Evaluation**

Evaluations will be completed by teachers (to assess the curriculum), the Board of Education (to assess the benefits of implementing Riskwatch in our community) and the students (to assess the knowledge gained pre and post program). Depending on the outcome of these evaluations, the coalition will look to support the implementation of this program throughout Leeds and Grenville counties.

### **Participating Agencies**

Brockville Fire Prevention, Safe Communities Coalition of Brockville & District, Brockville Police Services, Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, Upper Canada District School Board, Leeds & Grenville Separate School Board, local schools, and parents.

### **Supporting Agencies**

SAFE KIDS Canada, Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, Power Squadron, media, and doctors.