Falköping – A Safe Community

Municipality Municipality of Falköping
Country Sweden
Population 2003 30 991
Start of program 1979
A Safe Community 1991

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Program 2004
The injury preventive work has been sorted in to four different age groups with focus on certain environments. The injury registration has been done in large scale since 1998.

The crime prevention council in Falköping is working with all age groups.

Age groups
Children 0 – 14 years
Young people 15 – 24 years
Adults 25 – 64 years
Elderly 65 years +

Environments
The home, school, traffic, elderly care centers, work places and places for sport and spare time
**Children 0 –14 years**

- **Checklists**
  Parents to newborn children get checklists from the Children Care Center with advise on a safe home environment for children. Follow ups are done until the age of 3 year.

- **Heart and lung rescue**
  Family care center are offering the parents education.

- **Children on the countryside**
  Children safety in agriculture and forest jobs

- **Helmet 5**
  Bicycle helmets are subvention to all children that start the 5th grade.

- **Traffic informer**
  Inform about traffic safety in several different areas.

- **Traffic environments**
  Continuing improvement in the traffic safety at schools.

- **School yards**
  Improvement of the outdoor school environments

- **Safe play grounds**
  Continuing control and maintaining of play grounds.

**Young people 15 – 24 years**

- **Safe environment**
  Mapping of unsafe environments.

- **Education**
  Teenage parents are offered support through study circles and seminars.

- **Surveys about young peoples health and drug habits.**
  The result will be the base for a new drug policy.

- **Student project at the gymnasium.**
  Students and staff cooperate to create a safe school environment without drugs, violence and harassment.

- **A safer Stenstorp**
  A pilot project to create crime preventive methods that can be applied to other areas of the municipality.
Adults 25 – 64 years

- **Risk line Falköping**
  The public can call and tell about risks for accidents.

- **Neighboring cooperation**
  Crime prevention action to protect property.

- **Network for night workers.**
  Different work groups cooperate to create a safer work environment. The network cooperates with the police.

- **A safer Stenstorp**
  A pilot project to create crime preventive methods that can be applied to other areas of the municipality.

- **Safer home**
  Information to all house holds about preventive efforts that make the home safer.

Elderly 65 years +

- **Checklists**
  Advice to reduce injuries in the home.

- **Information meetings**
  Information to elderly organizations about fire prevention in the home and about health and exercise to reduce falling accidents.

  **Safety bag**
  The bag shows several accessories. For example fall protection.

- **Injury registration**
  All accidents on the municipality elderly cares are registered and are analyzed in an action program.

- **Crime preventive information**
  Safety information and advice about efforts to protect property.

**Injury registration**

Registration of all injuries is made at doctor and dental – visits at care centers, hospitals, dental clinics and emergency centrals.
Injury registration can be broken down in age, gender, place, situation and cause.

**Injury prevention in Falköping**

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**Registrations/elderly care**

**Other**

- Traffic education for municipality employees. (Vans)
- Mapping of accident areas in the traffic with the help of GIS-technique. (Geographic Information System).
- Meetings to develop the work with Safe Community (Rådslag. Med vilka???)
- Reflex vests to all children that use school busses.

**Information material**

- Brochure about the risk line
- Video and brochure about tinnitus in cooperation with the Consumer department and Public health institute.
- Checklist for elderly people
- Action program
- www.falkoping.se

**Organisation**

Public health council in Falköping have the over all responsibility for the crime preventive work and are the steering group for Safe Community.

An employed public health planner is responsible for the coordination of the crime preventive work that are organized in six cross sector work groups/reference groups.

- Accident statistic.
- Life style and health
- Elders health and safety
- Asthma and allergy
- Crime preventive council
- Children and young peoples health and safety

Politicians and civil servants from boards/departments that are involved in the six workgroups are involved in the work. Other partners are the
employment office, the police, primary care, educational organizations and
the national insurance office.

**International involvement and cooperation**

During the years, Falköping have received many study visits both from
Sweden and countries like Australia, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Norway, New
Zealand, Great Britain and USA.

Falköping have also participated in several conferences about Safe
Community. For example in Scotland, Norway, USA and Canada.

In 1991 Falköping hosted the first international conference for Safe
Communities. After 10 years as a Safe Community in 1991, Falköping held
a conference about children and young peoples safety.

Falköping had a seminar in 2002 together with six other municipalities in
the Västra Götaland region. Participating in this was the twin towns in
Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Finland.

In 2003 Falköping had study visits from Tucson, USA.

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