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Success Incidents in Washington State

A success incident is when a child used knowledge they learned from a Risk Watch® lesson to prevent a potential injury.

Date	Risk Watcher Details	Incident Details
12/10/2005	Jerry Lamb 10 years old Lake Spokane Elementary 	Fire and Burn Prevention Jerry's dad was working on a snowmobile in the back of his truck, which was parked inside the new shop. When trying to start the snowmobile it backfired and sparks ignited the gas/oil mixture in the bottom pan under the engine. Soon there was an explosion and the flames grew larger than Jerry's dad could extinguish. Jerry ran to the house and grabbed the families' fire extinguisher and headed back to the shop. Jerry told his dad how to use the extinguisher. Jerry learned how to use a fire extinguisher when the fire department came to his school to reinforce their Risk Watch® lesson on fire and burn prevention. Jerry's dad says they could have lost everything without Jerry's fast action. Jerry said "I just did what I was taught."
09/12/2005	Grayson Pope 8 years old Machias Elementary 	Fire Arm Injury Prevention While swinging on the school playground, Grayson spotted a gun lying in the wood chips – he immediately yelled to his friend that they needed to get a teacher right away. There were 150 children playing in the school yard. The sheriff's office was called immediately. The gun, a .32 caliber, had a bullet in the chamber and no safety. Grayson's second grade teacher Crissy Hall felt that the firearm lessons were so important that she covered the risk area twice during the school year.
May 5, 2003	10 years old Lake Stevens 	Bike and Pedestrian Safety Great News! I just returned from one of my elementary schools delivering a new bike helmet to a 5th grade girl who crashed into a pole and we took to the hospital. She was wearing her cousin's helmet which probably saved her life. The helmet was destroyed in the crash. I also gave a helmet for

		<p>her cousin. The teacher is filling out the success incident form. She remembered about the importance of helmets after I visited the classes last month for Bike and Pedestrian Safety for Risk Watch[®]. A boy in her class witnessed the crash and ran to neighbors and called 911. He will be involved with the success story too. Hurrah for Risk Watch!</p>
<p>October 2002</p>	<p>Isabella Thaxton 7 years old Port Orchard, WA</p> 	<p>Fire and Burn Prevention The following incident was taken directly from seven-year-old Isabella Thaxton's diary. Isabella is a second grade student at the South Colby Elementary School in Port Orchard, WA:</p> <p>"Last night was really scary. Could have died age: 7, months: 4, weeks:0 saying: I'm too young to die. P.S. I am ya know. Anyways, I was watching TV and dad was on the computer. In the kitchen, chicken nuggets and stuff boiling in the pot on the stove. And then the trouble started. The smoke detector was going off, I was really scared. Smoke was in every room of the house. Dad got the potholder, smart but hot stuff came out and daddy got the biggest blisters in the world! I crawled all the way to the door and out of it. And daddy took it out of the house and covered it with dirt (see <i>Risk Watch</i>[®] Teaching Point below). P.S. My dad had to repaint the kitchen and he is going to the doctor and that is really scary to know he could have been killed. The end. If you are caught in a fire and you can't breathe get down on the floor on your hands and knees! Crawl low under smoke you will find clean air; crawl low under smoke and get out of there on your hands and knees like a dog in a chase crawl low under smoke and leave that place." Isabella's class was taught the fire prevention component of <i>Risk Watch</i>[®] days before this incident occurred. "Fire safety education served its purpose. A child was empowered with the knowledge needed to act to preserve her life and well being, " said Sarah Simmons, Isabella's second grade teacher. The <i>Risk Watch</i> program has been in the community since 1998 under the leadership of Public Education Officer Lisa Kirkemo (a 1995 NFPA Champion) of the Kitsap Fire Department. South Colby Elementary has been a <i>Risk Watch</i>[®] school since 2000.</p>

12/2000	Joey Burkman 6 years old Vancouver		Choking, Suffocation and Strangulation Student took some pennies from a younger sister so she wouldn't choke on them.
12/2000	Colton Bukon 8 years old Vancouver		Firearm Injury Prevention Student told mom to put a trigger lock on a pellet gun.
9/2000	Mary Ellen Brock 6 years old Vancouver		Fire and Burn Prevention Student's shirt caught on fire from a candle. Mom quickly patted out fire. Student told mom he needed to stop drop and roll.
4/9/2000	Lakewood		Choking, Suffocation and Strangulation A 3 rd grade student at Lake City Elementary was in the school cafeteria when another student started choking on food. The student called an adult for help.
12/29/1999	Jonathan Terry 7 years old Lake Stevens		Firearm Injury Prevention Jonathan was at a cousin's house when his cousin told him that his parents had a gun. Jonathan's cousin showed him where it was in a drawer. Jonathan told his cousin to not touch the gun. Jonathan told his parents about the incident.
11/15/1999	Gary Baron 7 years old Lake Stevens		Fire and Burn Prevention Gary was with his grandfather doing outdoor burning when his grandfather's clothes caught on fire. Gary told his grandfather to stop drop and roll. He then went into the house and got his grandmother and called 911.
12/21/1998	Courtney Maxfield 5 years old Lake Stevens		Choking, Suffocation and Strangulation Courtney and her younger brother were eating lollipops with gum in the center. Her brother began choking on the gum portion of the lollipop. Courtney took her brother to her mom who was talking on the phone. Before her mom could hang up Courtney administered the Heimlich maneuver on her brother and he spit out the gum. Although administering the Heimlich maneuver is not part of the Risk Watch curriculum, during the Risk Watch lesson on choking Courtney's teacher demonstrated how an adult would administer the Heimlich maneuver.