



May 15, 2019

Dear Mayor Dan O' Mara,

On behalf of Parachute, Canada's national charity dedicated to injury prevention, I am writing to you today regarding an official public proclamation recognizing Parachute Safe Kids Week June 3 to 9, 2019.

In Safe Kids Week's 23rd year, we will focus on the topic of preventing harm from children's falls in the home and at play. The week will draw attention to predictable and preventable fall-related injuries in children, and the need to address key hazards for children that cause serious injuries from falls.

Falls are the leading cause of injury to Canadian children. Falling is a normal part of children's development, as they walk, climb, run, jump, play and explore their environment. While most falls do not result in serious injury, each year more than 140,000 children are seen in emergency departments for fall-related injuries. Most of these injuries to children under 5 occur in the home. This week will highlight the evidence-based solutions and injury prevention strategies.

I am requesting that Parachute's Safe Kids Week 2019 be publicly proclaimed in your jurisdiction in order to bring attention and awareness about preventing harmful child falls in the home and at play in your community.

I have enclosed a sample proclamation with suggested text for Parachute Safe Kids Week 2019. I look forward to following up with your office shortly.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of child and youth safety.

Sincerely,

Pamela Fuselli
Interim CEO