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Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for toddlers, children, and adolescents. Some of the most common unintentional injuries that result in mortality for children include burns, drowning, falling, poisoning, and road traffic. Given that the consequences of child injuries can be devastating, yet are sometimes preventable, it is worthwhile to review some of the settings that these injuries occur.

Children, especially young children, spend a lot of their time inside the home. As such, parents should closely examine their home so that injuries such as falls, bruises, and even electrocution, can be prevented.

First, children often fall in the home by tripping over toys and household items. Parents can minimize the risk of a fall by clearing clutter from walkways and stair areas. Another way to prevent falls is to have designated areas for children to play and designated areas for toys to be placed. Stairways also present an opportunity for danger. Roughly 75.9% (23,880) of children in the Coachella Valley, age 5 and younger, live in a home without gated stairways—placing a protective gate at the bottom and top of a stairway would significantly reduce the risk of a serious fall.

Other ways parents can make the



home safe is to cover power outlets and dangerous door knobs. In the Coachella Valley, of children age 5 and younger, about 33.2% (10,452) live in a home without power outlet covers, 68.4% (21,541) live in a home without door knob covers.

Another way to make the home safe is to properly secure any harmful substances that have the potential to be found by children. Cleaners, medications, and any other harmful substance should be inaccessible to children, either by keeping items out of reach or by having locks or latches on cabinets that contain dangerous substances. In the Coachella Valley, of children 5 and younger, about 52.6% (16,552) live in a home that does not have latches on

cabinets. Certainly, simply adding latches to cabinets could prevent children from consuming poisonous toxins that could be deadly.

There are many risks to consider outside of the home as well, such as car safety. First, children should use a car seat or booster seat that is appropriate for their age, height and weight. These car seats should be properly placed and secured inside the car. In addition, seatbelts should be double-checked to ensure that they are wearing a seatbelt, and it is appropriately fastened. The importance of wearing a seatbelt should also be communicated to

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Facility on Saturday, June 2. The new 160-acre facility is now offsetting up to seventy-five percent of the resort's current peak power requirements, the largest percentage of renewable energy used by any resort in Las Vegas, and an industry first for a gaming operator in Nevada. The facility will eventually be used to power the resort's new meetings and conventions space expansion, set to open in March 2020, with 100 percent renewable energy, making it one of the most environmentally conscious planned developments in Las Vegas.

"Nevada is the most dynamic state for renewable energy development, and the opening of the Wynn Solar Facility is a watershed moment for the resort industry," said Erik Hansen, Chief Sustainability Officer for Wynn Resorts. "The investment in renewable energy and the integration of energy efficient measures must be a larger part of the way responsible companies conduct business today. Our solar facility proves that integrating large-scale energy efficient measures can be done in a way that benefits the bottom line while also enhancing the guest experience."

Owned and operated by Enel Green Power North America, Inc., The Wynn Solar Facility is a standalone solar photovoltaic project located in Fallon, Nevada adjacent to the existing award-winning Stillwater hybrid facility, and shares the existing connection infrastructure with the geothermal-solar hybrid plant. The Wynn Solar Facility generates up to 27 MWdc of renewable energy, equivalent to 20 MWac, to power the resort. With this renewable energy resource offsetting such a sizable percentage of Wynn's peak power needs, the resort will far exceed requirements outlined in the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Combined with the recently installed solar panels covering 103,000 square feet of Wynn's rooftop, enough renewable energy will be generated to power 5,056 homes and eliminate 33,734 metric tons of CO2 emissions from the environment annually. Wynn Las Vegas is committed to increasing sustainable design practices, creating and sourcing renewable energy, and exceeding LEED Gold Building Certification standards for projects in Las Vegas as well as Encore Boston Harbor, currently under construction in Everett, Massachusetts. **TPR**

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children. Children should know the importance of car safety, so they can help in securing their own safety.

Lastly, children should always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, skateboard, skates, or scooter. The topic of wearing a helmet is especially important to consider as 14.3% (12,373) of Coachella Valley children aged two and older have not worn a helmet in the past 12 months. Further, about 10.1% (8,732) of children, aged 2 and older either seldom or sometimes wore a helmet in the past 12 months. All of these children are at a significant risk of unintentional injury, or even death—by simply wearing a helmet they could protect themselves from devastating injury. **TPR**

BUSINESS NEWS

NEW GENERATION OF HYATT PLACE HOTELS ELEVATES GUEST EXPERIENCE AND INCREASES VALUE FOR OWNERS

Hyatt's upscale select service brand Hyatt Place unveiled a new generation of hotels focused on three key areas: thoughtful design, driving value for World of Hyatt members and enhanced well-being experiences.

"The new generation of Hyatt Place hotels is intended to further strengthen the overall Hyatt Place portfolio and expand our opportunities to work with world-class developers and operators, while also providing flexibility and support to our existing owners," said Jim Chu, global head of development and owner relations, Hyatt. "We are keeping the brand relevant and fresh by focusing on giving our guests more customization and control during their travels, developing deeper relationships with our World of Hyatt members and personalized well-being experiences for our guests. By evolving and elevating the brand's offerings, we believe that we will create a best-in-class experience that will truly redefine the select service category, just as we did 12 years ago when we launched the Hyatt Place brand."

The new generation of Hyatt Place hotels is designed to drive the brand's strategic plans to grow around the world. The Hyatt Place brand has grown by 75 percent over the last five years, and with more than 305 hotels open in more than 200 cities around the world, the brand continues to build a network that supports both corporate customers and transient guests.

GROWING DEMAND FOR ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE BROADBAND SPURS INVESTMENT WHILE FUELING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Vision Net, a Montana-based telecommunications solutions company, announced that it is bringing an additional seventy miles of new broadband fiber to Billings and Helena. Both communities are experiencing increasing demand from consumers and businesses for high-quality, reliable broadband access. The project began in May and is estimated to be completed by August of 2019.

Vision Net CEO Corey Jensen said the new fiber infrastructure is the result of existing customers' growing needs. While Jensen isn't at liberty to share the names of the clients

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