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Propositions

The Research to Practice Gap in Child Safety: tools to promote implementation of evidence-based practice in Europe

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1. Inequalities in child injury rates, within and between countries, demonstrate the opportunity and necessity for good practice to cross borders to successfully reduce child injury rates. (This dissertation)
2. The challenges for child injury prevention, therefore, are less focused upon what to do but rather, *how* to do it. Much evidence has been produced concerning the effectiveness of interventions to protect children. However, persistent inequalities indicate a gap between research and practice. (This dissertation)
3. Child injury has been referred to as a wicked problem requiring inter-sectoral action to address its complexity [...] With the contribution of participants from 24 countries, providing 44 cases, across 4 different child injury domains, we identified 27 sectors. (This dissertation)
4. Establishing clarity on the ethical implications of injury prevention activities is particularly important given the multiple sectors involved in its prevention. (This dissertation)
5. By applying the wealth of evidence and thinking from implementation science to injury prevention I believe we stand to make important leaps forward. (This dissertation)
6. Some problems are so complex that you have to be highly intelligent and well informed just to be undecided about them. (Laurence J. Peter)
7. A good solution solves many problems. (Larry Cohen)
8. Wenn dein Mütterlein tritt zur Tür herein, - Und den Kopf ich drehe, ihr entgegen sehe, -
Fällt auf ihr Gesicht erst der Blick mir nicht, - Sondern auf die Stelle, näher nach der Schwelle, -
Dort, wo würde dein lieb Gesicht sein, - Wenn du freudenhelle trätest mit herein, -
Wie sonst, mein Töchterlein. (Gustav Mahler, Kindertotenlieder, Lied 3: Wenn Dein Mütterlein)

When your dear mother walks in through the door, - and I turn my head to look at her, -
my gaze doesn't rest on her at first, - but rather on that place, closer to the threshold,
where your sweet face would be, - if, bright with joy, you entered with her, - as you used
to do, my dear daughter.

9. Most of the really exciting things we do in our lives scare us to death. They wouldn't be exciting if they didn't. (Roald Dahl: Danny, The Champion of the World)