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Country parents asked to do survey to help keep kids safe

The Queensland Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian wants parents in rural areas to help identify risks to children in the country by filling in a new survey – *Keeping Country Kids Safe*, which has been developed by the Commission.

Commissioner Elizabeth Fraser said the results will be used to promote practical actions which keep country kids safe from preventable injuries.

“We’d like to reduce the number of child injuries in country areas by listening to what country communities have to say about contributing factors and potential solutions,” Ms Fraser said.

“The Commission’s child death data shows children in country areas are 2.4 times more likely to die in accidents than children in city areas.

“The community survey will give us an overview of the types of injuries that have led to child deaths in rural Queensland between 2004 and 2008.

“Children in rural areas face a number of risks unique to their home environment, like accidents in dams or on farm machinery or all-terrain vehicles.

“Things that make country life a fantastic environment for children to grow and learn in can also create dangers not faced by children in the city.

“A key factor is the combination of home and workplace environments that occur on family farms.

“The survey responses will help us find ways to reduce the number of child deaths from injury in rural environments,” she said.

To complete the Keeping Country Kids Safe survey or for more information visit www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au.

You can also obtain a copy of the survey or find out more by phoning 1800 688 275 or emailing keepingcountrykidssafe@ccypcg.qld.gov.au.

People can get their responses in until the 16th of October 2009.

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