



## Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for March 29, 2019

### Kentucky and Indiana ranked among worst states in the country for child abuse

(WTVQ) – Kentucky and Indiana children continue to suffer abuse at alarming rates.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Children's Bureau "Child Maltreatment 2017" report — released in 2019 — shows Kentucky now has the highest abuse rate in the country. The commonwealth reported more than 22,000 victims (compared with 20,000 in the 2016 report), or about 22 out of every 1,000 children. The rate is more than double the national average.

The good news for Kentucky is child abuse deaths dropped for the third straight year. In 2017, 10 child fatalities were attributed to abuse. Here's how the state stack up to the rest of the country.

*Numbers from "Child Maltreatment 2017" report*

In Kentucky, the number to call to report suspected child abuse is **(877) KY-SAFE1 (597-2331)**.

In Indiana, call **(800) 800-5556**. The National Child Abuse Hotline, **(800) 4-A-CHILD (422-4453)**, offers professional crisis counselors who can provide intervention, information and referrals to emergency, social service and support resources.

Video report and more details: <https://www.wtvq.com/2019/03/28/report-kentucky-highest-child-abuse-rate-u-s/>

### Trampoline parks exploding in popularity, but expert warns of "catastrophic injuries"

(CBS) In the last seven years, CBS News has confirmed at least six people have died from injuries at trampoline parks. That number could be even higher because many of those injured are often forced into arbitration and sign confidentiality agreements that stop them from speaking out. In the last few years, emergency room visits caused by trampoline park injuries has skyrocketed. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the numbers have shot up from 2,500 in 2013 to almost 18,000 in 2017.

Watch the report and read more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trampoline-parks-rising-in-popularity-expert-warns-of-catastrophic-injuries/>

### TJ's Bill Dies in Senate Rule's Committee



[HB 280](#), commonly known as "TJ's Bill", failed to be enacted into law in the 2019 General Assembly. House Bill 280 would require children under the age of 12 to wear a helmet while riding their bicycle.

TJ Floyd was just a kid when he and his brother were riding bikes. He went over the front handlebars of his bike. He was in a coma and had emergency open brain surgery. Doctors didn't know if TJ would survive his injuries, but today the Kentucky teenager is doing things doctors never thought he would. Recently, he broke a personal record, walking hundreds of steps. Each step is a big win for the

16 year old.

The legislation passed the House on February 28th, and was sent to the Senate where it went through their Health and Welfare Committee and was reported out favorably. It had a first reading, and was sent to the Rules Committee but never [resurfaced](#).

[Information was pulled from several previous articles, including a previous [WKYT](#) feature. R Bartlett]

### U of L Hospital surgery team repurposing trash to help the homeless

(WDRB) -- University of Louisville Hospital staff members are repurposing surgical sterile wraps to make bedding for the homeless. They're calling themselves the Surgical Repurpose Group.

A surgical technician, Megan Morrison, said she found the idea on another hospital's Facebook page and decided to give it a try at U of L. So a team of six women came up with patterns for sewing sleeping bags, tote bags and pillows out of the sterile wraps. And they delivered the first batch to Wayside Christian Mission last week.

Learn more: [https://www.wdrb.com/news/u-of-l-hospital-surgery-team-repurposing-trash-to-help/article\\_8ded1146-51aa-11e9-9d35-0f7b34059cba.html](https://www.wdrb.com/news/u-of-l-hospital-surgery-team-repurposing-trash-to-help/article_8ded1146-51aa-11e9-9d35-0f7b34059cba.html)

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**FEMA Virtual Table Top Exercise on Cyber Security**  
**[1484 - Training Opportunity - VTTX CYBER - 16 Apr 19](#)**

**V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Cyber Security Focus (April 16, 2019)**

**Exercise Description:** This VTTX is designed for organizations interested in raising awareness of cyber risk management, cyber related planning, and other issues related to cyber incident prevention, protection, and response. The scenario will focus on increasingly complex and severe cyber threats, beginning with general information on a potential security risk and culminating with the containment, eradication, and recovery from a cyber-incident. The complexity of this exercise will largely depend on your organization’s choice of recommended discussion questions (beginner, intermediate, advanced), based on your audience and general level of cybersecurity preparedness experience. Read more in [Training Opportunity 1484.](#)

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