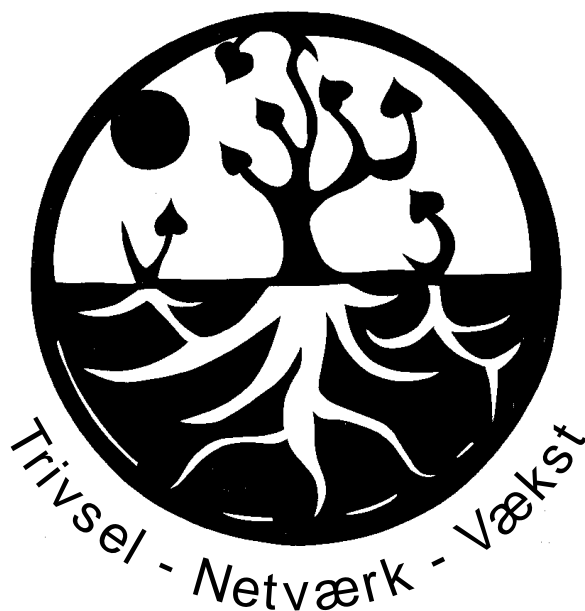


# Application for membership to WHO's Network of Safe Communities



(Well-being – Network – Development)

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## PREFACE

Nordborg City Council wishes to set more focus on the prevention of accidents. The City Council has decided that by 2001 they will seek admission to WHO's Network of Safe Communities.

As a member of the National Healthy City Network in Denmark, the municipality has a special obligation to focus on the accident prevention work.

For Nordborg Municipality, this work is a part of the general health promotion and prevention work and integrated into the municipal network, institutions and work places close to the citizens.

The Network of Safe Communities, today, has a lot of valuable knowledge regarding work with safety and security. Nordborg Municipality would like both to take advantage of and develop this knowledge. More counties and municipalities in the Danish Healthy City Network either already belong to or seek membership in the Network of Safe Communities, which provides good possibilities to improve the activities in Denmark.

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**To obtain status as a Safe Community the following requirements must be fulfilled:**

1. There should be established a cross-sectoral group that works with accident prevention at the local level.
2. The municipality's network should be involved.
3. There should be established accident prevention efforts that include all age groups and environments.
4. The programme should include specific initiatives directed towards high risk groups and high risk environments.
5. There should be established a collaboration between social- and healthcare services in the municipality and county, and the work should involve the registration of injuries, their frequency and cause.
6. The prevention programme that is drawn up should have a long-term perspective.

The municipality should, therefore, be responsible for:

7. Using indicators that provide useful information regarding the change process in the evaluation of the programme's effects.
8. Analysing the municipality's organisation and participation in the accident prevention work.
9. Engaging the health sector, e.g. nursing- and hospital sector in the registration and prevention of injuries.
10. Involving all levels in the municipality to solve the injury problem.
11. Contributing to the dissemination of experience from the accident prevention work both nationally and internationally.
12. Benefiting from the experiences that have taken place in other municipalities, e.g. by forming a national network.

**Description of Nordborg Municipality**

Nordborg Municipality is situated in the mid-northern section of Als Island in Southern Jutland County.

The area measures 12,478 hectares, As of January 1, 2000; the population was 14,230 persons. The population is declining slightly. There has been a gradual change in composition of the population, resulting in a large percentage of elderly persons and school-age children as compared to the population as a whole.

The most prominent employer in the municipality is the large industrial factory DANFOSS A/S, which employs 7000 workers at their headquarters in North Als. Another large enterprise is Linak, which currently employs around 1000 persons and expects to increase to 2000. In addition, there are a number of small industries that, to a greater or lesser degree, are sub-contracted to the Danfoss factory.

There are around 1000 persons employed in municipal organisations.

There is a great deal of agriculture in the municipality, primarily pig-production.

The large industrial enterprises in North Als result in high levels of traffic, especially in the morning and afternoon hours. There are good public transportation possibilities and approximately 25 km to the airport.

The distance to the hospital and ambulance services is great. Therefore, the municipality has established First aid preparedness in co-operation with Danfoss.

A large part of the population moved to Nordborg Municipality in the 1960's when Danfoss needed labour to keep up with production. The need for labour has since increased. Unemployment, for the time being, is low.

The largest portion of persons engaged in active employment in the municipality is, therefore, engaged in the manufacturing sector. Between one-third and one-half of 25-64 year olds have no vocational training.

There is a childcare guarantee for children and 97% of school-age children are cared for in public day care and day care centres.

Within the municipality there is a rich tradition of associations in many areas: sport, scouting, humanitarian and cultural associations, together with voluntary social work.

Nordborg Municipality is a member of the Danish Healthy City Network. The Network was established in 1991 and is currently comprised of six counties and nine municipalities. The Network mutually and politically binds members to collaborate on the development of methods and strategies in the area of health promotion. For example, work has been done on the theme Prevention of Accidents, which means that the municipality is obligated to pay continued attention to the number and types of accidents, together with continued efforts within the large accident groups. These include accidents among children, accidents among the elderly, traffic accidents and sports injuries.

In addition, the Danish Government Programme on Public Health and Health Promotion 1999 – 2008 points to the cross-sectoral and cross-professional efforts within all accident categories.

## 1. Cross-sectoral work groups.

A cross-sectoral work group has been established that reflects the problems areas in Nordborg Municipality. The group is comprised of representatives from the police, day cares, pre-schools, schools, and the healthcare- and elderly sector, together with the Chief of Health Promotion and health co-ordinators.

The work group held a conference on May 8, 2000 with a view to create engagement and interest in the area of accident prevention in Nordborg Municipality, as well as to initiate a process of working towards the prevention of accidents among children, sports injuries, traffic accidents and falling accidents among the elderly.

An additional aim of the conference was to provide an overview of Nordborg Municipality's work with accident prevention and with the search for admission to WHO's network of Safe Communities.

The conference's group work raised the following questions:

1. What are the problems in Nordborg Municipality?
2. Where should the effort be placed?
3. Suggest specific actions/concrete activities

Responses from the group work:

### Prevention of falling accidents

1. Uneven sidewalks – sidewalk ramps – clearing of snow – salting – road stands – parking on the sidewalks.
2. Sidewalks – road stands

### Prevention of accidents among children

1. Parents driving too fast – Children are transported irresponsibly, bicycles, scooters, cars
2. Motor skills – e.g. regular routine as regards children at gyms, swimming pools or on picnics. Information for parents.
3. Information regarding accident prevention through parent meetings (short) – Registration of accidents at day cares, pre-schools, schools and after-school centres. Police should be presenting unannounced – or announced – with the drop-off and pick-up of children. Speed control in the vicinity of institutions.

### Prevention of traffic accidents

1. Young road-users on bicycle/by car. No pattern in accidents.
2. Small cyclists – larger cyclists in groups – cyclist's standard – high speed – lack of experience.
3. Demonstration teaching – random checks – contact parents – peer to peer teaching, Nordborg Statistics – changing/extension of the bike path from Løjtertoft Cross to Stationsti – influencing the attitude of young men between 18 and 24 years of age – "trial" driver's license.

The Traffic Committee works further with the suggestions.

### Prevention of sports injuries

1. Contact sports – amateur sports – lack of “training” from childhood
2. Leader- training instruction – support and inspiration for to get started and keep at it  
Injury registration – associations – emergency room  
Visibility problem – sports in schools – educate students? – More time for sports
3. Examine what the schools do – examine what the sporting associations do – examine the interest for a course “Sports without injury”? – Set-up injury registration.

Sund By takes the initiative.

Following the May 2000 conference, a questionnaire was sent to municipal day cares, pre-schools, schools/after-school centres, public health nurses, the elderly sector, the sporting sector and the police.

With the intent to uncover problem areas and practices, the following questions were asked of day cares, pre-schools, day care centres, schools, police and the sporting sector:

- 1) What is currently being done to prevent accidents?
- 2) What accidents have happened within the past two years?
- 3) What would you further like to do to prevent accidents?
- 4) Additional suggestions or comments?

Refer to section 3.

## **2. Involvement of the municipal network.**

In Nordborg Municipality, through years of work with accident prevention, there can today be found the following associations, groups and organisations:

The Traffic Committee: A subcommittee under the Committee for Technology and the Environment. The committee is comprised of representatives from the city council, police, youth council and elder council, together with Vej og Park. Their task is to finalise all cases concerning traffic safety, e.g. speed reduction, less road construction etc. There exists an action plan with the goal of reducing the number of traffic accidents. Within the Committee for Technology and the Environment, the Traffic Committee should, therefore, address all other traffic issues, e.g. roads/by-passes and one-way streets.

Safety instructors: In the schools, there are safety instructors, who are responsible for providing safety instruction, working with campaigns in the area and working with bike tests in co-operation with the police.

School patrol: A school patrol can be found at Guderup school.

Safety organisation: In Nordborg Municipality, a safety organisation and collaborative organisation have been merged to form “MED”.

“Forflytningsvejleder”: The leaders’ responsibility is to inform personnel within the elderly sector as regards prevention of back and other injuries, together with the correct use of special helping equipment or devices.

Alcohol Colleague Network: Within the municipal organisation, there is 80 trained network staff among leaders and other workers, who have an extra obligation to listen to and look for signs of poor function among their colleagues. The responsibility of the network person is to help his/her colleague get the help they need.

“ERFA” (MCAP) group re: health at the workplace: Comprised of representatives from business, trade and crafts, professional organisations, together with municipal workplaces. A conference was held on The Health Promoting Workplace with the goal of increasing interest, motivating and providing good ideas to workplaces regarding health promotion, hereunder the accident prevention aspect.

First aid courses: As of 1999, all work places in the municipal organisation are offered a first aid course. Approximately 100 individuals participated in the first round. The offer is on going.

Staff consultants: A broadly comprised group with professional backgrounds that can help employed persons in Nordborg Municipality with personal problems of an acute nature. The group is comprised of psychologists, social workers, nurses, abuse consultants and therapists.

Employees’ health services Alssund (BST): Advises participating companies on health and safety. The goal is to promote safety and health, both physical and psychological, and to prevent workplace injuries (hereunder workplace accidents), occupational illness and attrition by controlling factors in the work environment that are too demanding.

A number of companies and work places in Nordborg Municipality belong to BST.

SSP: A formal collaboration between schools, social workers and the police (SSP). The ultimate goal is to prevent criminal activity among children and youth. In the case that something happens, the goal is, to clear-up/uncover the criminal activity and, eventually, to prevent children and youth from becoming further involved.

### ***Volunteer organisations:***

Nordborg Municipality works together with volunteer organisations and associations. Many volunteers participate in the prevention and health promotion work, which in some cases also includes accident prevention.

“Ældresagens” telephone service: carries out “safety calls” every morning to weak elderly in the community.

Danish Red Cross visiting service and ASF “Dansk Folkehjælps” visiting service: visits single and weak elderly in their own home or nursing home in order to create a feeling of security and well-being.

ASF “Dansk Folkehjælps” first aid workers: hold first aid courses and first aid watches at festivals, tilting at the ring and large events.

“Indkøbsbussen” (“Shopping-bus”): an offer to elderly, impaired- or handicapped persons who have difficulty with getting out and going shopping. They are assisted by volunteers getting on and off the bus and with shopping in the stores.

“Natteravnene”: established as collaboration between SSP and local trade associations. The primary goal is to be safety-minded by having a presence in the environments where young people hang out at night. Furthermore, to be visible in order to prevent rape, vandalism and other criminal act among young people.

Alcohol Network for families and users: a number of treatment- and network groups have been established in Nordborg Municipality. Consultants can be called around the clock in acute situations and with little notice.

Self-help groups for Sønderborg and surrounding municipalities, including Nordborg Municipality: guards against problems progressing to the point of requiring treatment. They create a sense of security among groups of citizens that have similar problems.

In the aforementioned, there can be found in the municipality a number of associations and networks that comprise accident prevention and a safety aspect, e.g. retiree associations, Active Seniors and bicycle clubs

### **3. Accident prevention programme for all ages, environments and situations.**

The starting point for Nordborg Municipality’s efforts to prevent accidents is giving prevention activities high priority and basing them on principles that promote health. The collaboration with institutions, businesses, organisations, volunteers and private individuals that can positively contribute to the prevention and health promotion activities must be strengthened.

#### **Municipal Day care:**

##### What is currently being done to prevent accidents?

No regulations were found regarding home day care and play areas. Once a year a questionnaire on safety in the caregiver’s home is completed. Day cares are attentive to safety. Yards are well fenced, many have lowered sandboxes to prevent falling accidents, together with safe areas under swings, seesaws etc. Indoors, there are stair guards, outlet safety plugs, and age-appropriate toys, i.e. no small toys.

##### What accidents have happened within the past two years?

There are only a very few accidents in home day cares and most of these are hand/finger accidents as the result of a fall. Fingers caught in doors and playhouses are common occurrences.

##### What would you further like to do to prevent accidents?

Requirements regarding safe areas under swings at home day cares.

Nurses request that day care providers be informed of safety products to prevent accidents in the home.

##### Additional suggestions or comments?

With the employment of new home day care providers, the municipality should approve the home. Safety in the home should be discussed at yearly employer and employee meetings.

### **Public health nurses:**

#### What is currently being done to prevent accidents?

As regards home visits, there has been discussion about the set-up of changing areas, together with the prevention of falls from changing tables, scalding, positioning of children when sleeping, and children in motor vehicles. When a child is four months old, parents are informed about rattles, small objects, falls, choking, and safety straps in baby carriages.

The most intensive discussion regarding the prevention of accidents takes place at the eight months visit. At this visit, the nurse brings a bag containing "safety devices", discusses what could be done in individual cases based on a particular home environment. Also provided, is information on shielding the stove/oven, gates on stairs, loose wires/cables, poisonous houseplants, cleaning agents, ashtrays and bicycle seat and helmets.

#### What accidents have happened within the past two years?

Falls from changing tables or highchairs, pinched fingers, ingestion of cigarette butts or too many vitamin pills and burns from the stove/oven.

#### What would you further like to do to prevent accidents?

In "The Child's Book", there is information on the prevention of accidents among children, which can help make parents aware of potential problems.

### **Pre-schools:**

#### What is currently being done to prevent accidents?

There is an annual safety check of play areas and play equipment. If something is broken, it is removed. There are safe areas under swings. Swings are separated from areas where children can cycle. Laces are taken off of children's' jackets.

#### What accidents have happened within the past two years?

A broken arm, hit with a shovel, falls, injuries to teeth and pinched fingers.

#### What would you further like to do to prevent accidents?

Make parents aware that laces in jackets can be dangerous. Safe areas under swings, better fencing in of play areas. First aid courses and fire safety courses.

We hope to develop children's motor skills in order to make them more secure in their movements and to develop their independence.

### **Schools/after school centres:**

#### What is currently being done to prevent accidents?

There are rules of behaviour in place at most schools and after-school centres to prevent serious accidents. The safety representative regularly inspects buildings. There are annual visits by consultants to inspect the play areas.

What accidents have happened within the past two years?

Very few injuries have occurred within the past two years. The injuries can generally be attributed to out of control running or other reckless behaviour where there are a lot of children.

What would you further like to do to prevent accidents?

Screening of pre-school children through various motor skills tests with offers of extra training to children who require it. It is important that schools and after-school centres are aware that children need to be allowed to be active, climb trees and play uninhibited.

**The elderly:**

What is currently being done to prevent accidents?

By law the municipality is obligated to provide all individuals over the age of 75 years preventive visits two times per year. In Nordborg Municipality, three nurses are employed to assist both elderly who receive home assistance and elderly who do not.

The goal is to help elderly utilise their own resources and maintain a functional level as long as possible. They are given information on the prevention of falls: set-up of the home, choice of shoes and proper use of helping aids (e.g. canes, wheelchairs etc.). Additionally, drinking habits, the importance of a proper diet, daily exercise and medication use are discussed.

What accidents have happened within the past two years?

The number of falls among the elderly was registered during this period. In 2000, falls were recorded over a two months period and showed that most occurred between the hours of 2pm-9pm and from 12pm-7am. Most falls were the result of poor balance and dizziness.

What would you further like to do to prevent accidents?

An arrangement has been made with "Helseservice" to annually register falls over a two months period – during the months of April and May. By having a record of an individual's falls, more focus can be given to the client based on his/her own particular circumstances.

It would be ideal if more individuals accepted the offers of balance training.

**Nordborg Police:**

Locally, analysis is carried out to find things that need to be changed, e.g. putting up road signs or other signs, additional road markings, changing roadways or streetlights.

An information campaign is underway regarding slippery conditions, times when accidents occur, potential "dangerous" areas in the municipality, types of accidents and local drivers' lack of attention when driving in areas they find familiar.

Work continues with preventive traffic work in the municipality's schools.

Regionally, goal oriented initiatives have been put into place, e.g. control of driving under the influence of alcohol in connection with festivals, cattle shows motorcycle rallies etc.

Nationally, preventive activities were carried out that Nordborg Municipality participated in. These included cyclist checks, alcohol checks and seatbelt checks.

## **Sports:**

What is currently being done to prevent accidents?

Prevention of sports injuries occurs by educating coaches to be attentive to the problem, e.g. warming up before practice and games.

What accidents have happened within the past two years?

Torn Achilles tendons, sprains and pulled muscles.

What would you further like to do to prevent accidents?

Better information and education.

There are relatively few sports injuries.

First aid preparedness – Emergency vehicle: In collaboration between Danfoss A/S and Nordborg Municipality, First aid preparedness has been established. An emergency vehicle that is part of the First aid preparedness responds immediately to an alarm of accident or illness in North Als and can be at the scene in minutes. First aid is performed until an ambulance arrives from Sønderborg. In 2000, the emergency vehicle responded to 427 calls. In many cases (at least five definite cases), lives were saved.

Volunteer fire department: The requirement is that the unit can be ready to respond within five minutes of a sounded alarm and that the on-duty person in charge can respond within one minute.

There are six volunteer fire departments and a rescue boat unit totalling 142 volunteers. The volunteer fire departments provide fire safety courses in the municipality.

## **4. Activities targeting high risk groups.**

Section 3, described the accident prevention programme. The following are activities targeting high risk groups.

High risk groups among children are

- Low income individuals with few resources
- Parents with unrealistic expectations of their children's capabilities
- Children of alcoholic or drug abusing parents
- Children with motor skill problems

High risk groups among the elderly are

- Single elderly who are on a lot of medication, or have poor dietary/hydration habits.

High risk traffic related groups are

- The age at which children start school
- Local residents, as having a driving “routine” lead to inattentiveness in traffic

High risk sports related groups are

- Contact sports
- Insufficient warm-up prior to practices/games
- Persons who injure themselves due to over exercise, e.g. those in poor physical condition and the overweight
- Persons over 35 years of age

## **5. Documentation of injuries, their frequency and cause.**

Nordborg Municipality has worked with accident prevention for a number of years. They have sought to put into place registration systems that are based partly on local registration and partly on emergency room registration at Sønderborg Hospital. Sønderborg Hospital utilises the Nordic accident classification NOMESCO.

Until 2001, the registration system was insufficient. In 2001, in co-operation with Southern Jutland County, methods were introduced to ensure quality in registration as regards precision, specification, complexity and systematism. Mentioned below is an overview of the various registers where information on accidents, i.e. documentation of frequency and cause, can be obtained.

### **Emergency room register.**

All patients treated in the emergency room of Sønderborg Hospital are entered into the patient registry system, where all factual information regarding the patient’s course of treatment is recorded. At a minimum, all information that the hospital is obligated to provide to the National Patient Registry is recorded.

As regards visits to the emergency room, the Nordic classification system records where the injury occurred, the cause and what the patient was doing at the time of the injury.

In Nordborg Municipality from 1987-1996, the number of yearly accidents per 100,000 children aged 0-14 years was about 1100, which corresponds to the county average. During the past two years, the frequency of admissions as a result of accidents has fallen. In 1998, there were just 13 admissions due to accidents among children 0-14 years.

In 1995-1996, the number of emergency room visits for persons 16-66 years was lower than the county average. For persons employed in the manufacturing sector, it was the lowest in the county. In 1996, there were 1274 emergency room visits among 16-66 year olds, of which 487 were persons employed in the manufacturing sector.

Number of admissions with trauma per 10,000 residents. Annual average 1993-97. NORDBORG

The figure shows the number of admissions per 10,000 residents as the result of trauma. The columns represent Nordborg Municipality, the dots are the county average and the lines represent the variation between the municipalities.

In 1996, there were 545 elderly (65+ years) admitted. The frequency of admissions increased from 301 to 545 during the period from 1990-1996.

Nordborg Municipality has set a special focus on hip fractures among the elderly. Hip fractures account for the most hospital bed days. Many elderly do not recover completely from hip fractures and become dependent on regular daily support.

During the period from 1996-1997, there were 32 persons in Nordborg Municipality that had been admitted at least once with a fractured femur. This was the third lowest number of admissions in the county (23 municipalities).

### **Traffic accident analyses.**

Since 1996, Nordborg Police has registered reported traffic accidents. The reported numbers comprise everything from persons falling off bicycles, accidents in parking lots, accidents with physical damage to the vehicle, personal injury accidents, accidents involving alcohol and traffic fatalities. Starting January 1, 2000, the police have utilised a new IT programme describing the causes of accidents etc. in more detail, thus easing potential interventions.

#### Reported

<b>Number</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Jan. quarter	22	16	14	21	9
April quarter	25	14	22	18	22
July quarter	17	28	28	18	23
Oct. quarter	13	24	18	25	16
<b>In all</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>70</b>

#### Casualties

<b>Number</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Jan. quarter	7	8	6	6	2

April quarter	11	15	10	11	8
July quarter	9	33	11	2	12
Oct. quarter	5	10	6	5	4
<b>In all</b>	32	66	33	24	26

The high number of casualties in 1997 is the result of a single bus accident where 21 persons were injured.

Deaths: An average of 1-3 persons is killed in traffic accidents each year. Eight have been killed in the past five years.

### **Registry of falls among the elderly.**

Over a six-month period in 1999, from April 1 to October 1, falls were recorded among persons receiving home assistance and those receiving preventive visits. At Nordborg Nursing Home, the registration took place over a three-month period. A registration form from the National Healthy City Network's manual was used.

The goal of the registration is to reduce falls by minimising the risks that cause them, as well as to seek to explain a pattern in the time when falls occur in order to do something *before* they happen.

During this period, 200 falls were recorded among 97 persons.

58 persons had fallen once  
9 persons had fallen > 5 times  
2 persons had fallen >10 times

In 8 cases, the fall resulted in a broken leg.

Most falls were due to poor balance, unsteadiness when standing, and dizziness. Most occurred between 2pm-9pm and 12pm to 7am.

From 2001, falls will be registered annually during April and May.

### **6. Long-term efforts.**

When the accident project started in 1992 at the initiative of the Danish Healthy City Network, the main task was to obtain experience with prevention initiatives. The experience has resulted in the compilation of manuals for the prevention of falls among the elderly and accidents among children. In addition, Nordborg Municipality has put into place educational activities for staff within the child and elderly sector, e.g. nurses, schools, after-school centres, pre-schools and day care centres.

The police carry out annual instruction at schools regarding traffic safety. There are campaigns at the start of school after the summer holidays and again in the autumn.

Work in the upcoming year will be to make accident prevention part of the everyday routine and, in this way, anchor the work in the institutions.

Each year a theme or target group will receive special attention. In 1999, it was falls among the elderly and in 2000, it was accidents among children.

## **7. Evaluation of effect- and change processes.**

Once a year, activities will be evaluated with regard to their effect and new activities will be decided upon.

Evaluation will be based on data collected from the emergency room, police and nursing homes (see section 5). Indicators:

- ❑ Fractured femurs and admission of elderly
- ❑ Number and types of falls among the elderly
- ❑ Children's visits to the doctor and admission due to injury
- ❑ Traffic accidents, fatalities, injuries, and admissions
- ❑ Sports injuries registered at the emergency room

At a yearly workshop, there will be described which initiatives are in place to prevent accidents, established activities and goals for the coming year.

A challenge in the coming year is improvement of the accident register at Sønderborg Hospital.

## **8. Analysis of municipal possibilities for participation in the accident prevention work.**

As mentioned in section 2, there are a number of local networks that are involved in accident prevention work. Paragraph 3 describes what is currently happening and what the intention and wishes are for the coming year. The developed methods and tools are, therefore, fundamental for continuing this work.

The cross-professional collaborative sectors and institutions further ensure common efforts, mutual inspiration, shared work plans and evaluation.

## **9. Involvement of the health sector in registration and prevention.**

The health sector plays an important role in registration and prevention. This applies to both primary and secondary health sectors.

The primary sector includes home nursing, preventive home visits to elderly over 75 years of age, public health nurses, nursing homes, outpatient nursing homes, day centres and district psychiatry, municipal dentists, general practitioners and the Healthy City shop/health co-ordinator.

The secondary sector is comprised of treatment at the hospital. Nordborg Municipality belongs to Sønderborg Hospital's region.

The above-mentioned sectors actively and cross-sectored work with prevention in the form of information, counselling, projects, exhibits and speeches.

## **10. Involvement of all levels in the municipality.**

A lot of work is done to ensure that all levels are involved in accident prevention.

- Politicians set higher level goals and framework
- Professionals/technical persons are trained, inspired and motivated as regards daily preventive work at the work place, in institutions, at home, in local society, on sporting fields etc.
- The population receives both written and verbal information via exhibits and education.

## **11. Dissemination of experiences nationally and internationally**

Nordborg Municipality has, in recent years, contributed to the spreading of experience with accident prevention both nationally and internationally:

- The municipality is a member of the national Healthy City Network, which is a forum for the exchange of experience and development of new and practical methods of working with prevention and health promotion. One of the prioritised areas is accident prevention.
- In 1999, Nordborg Municipality arranged a workshop on Safe Communities in Copenhagen with the participation of WHO's Collaboration Center in Stockholm.
- Participated in a national conference in 2000 in Odense with a presentation on "Higher level observations for a plan of action regarding the prevention of accidents among children".
- Participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nordic Conference on Safe Communities in Norway, where police from Nordborg described the prevention of traffic accidents.
- Participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nordic Conference on Safe Communities in Iceland, where a public health nurse from Nordborg Municipality talked about efforts to prevent accidents among children.
- The health co-ordinator and public health nurse have participated in the Healthy City Network's study tour to Stockholm and Falcköping.

## **12. Contributions to strengthen the Network of Safe Communities**

Nordborg Municipality contributes to the strengthening of the national Healthy City Network, where one of the prioritised areas is accident prevention. Nordborg Municipality currently holds the chairmanship of that network. As a result, the municipality participates in the regional prevention network organised by Southern Jutland County.

With the municipality's admission to the WHO's Safe Community Network, it contributes to strengthening already existing networks via direct contact, collaboration, exchanging of experience, and testing and examining new possibilities for improved safety and security among citizens.