



**SAFE COMMUNITY  
LOC SON Commune  
PHU LOC District  
THUA THIEN HUE**



Name of the Community: Loc Son

Country: Vietnam

Number of habitants: 7,650

Program started: 2002

Website: <http://www.moh.gov.vn/tainanthuongtich/en>



The program covers the following safety promotion activities:

- Child safety
- Home safety
- School safety
- Road safety
- Electric safety
- Agricultural labor safety
- First-aid



*Panel in the community*

**For the age group:**

*Children 0-14 years:*

- Conducting a Childhood Injury prevention with intervention measures to reduce the incidence of drowning, falls, burn, poisoning, choking, traffic injury in children. The program has been started since 2004.
- Providing information on safety for parents, child care givers, teachers, volunteers as well as the children through IEC materials, education, household visits by volunteers ...
- Building kindergartens for children under 5 years old

- Organizing training courses on first-aid, burn prevention, drowning prevention and prevention of injury by sharp objects for women having children under 5 years old.
- Carrying out the program on electric safety to reduce electric accidents in families, especially children's injury due to electricity
- Implementing the programs on Vitamin A and Expanded Immunization for children under 5 years old



*Babypen for children*



*Fence around house*

- Ensuring infrastructure, recreation and studying environment in good conditions for pupils
- Integrating the content of traffic accident prevention program into school curriculum at all schools.
- Giving the first aid training to the school's Red cross group.
- Training and educating pupils to improve their knowledge and acquire skill of first aid at their families and at the community
- Organizing contests on childhood injury prevention: drawing contest, writing contest and drama contest
- Developing a model of " Safe class and United groups of friends" in all classes.



*Safe play corner at kindergarten*



*Contest of accident and injurie prevention in children at Primary schools*

#### *Youth 15-24 years:*

- Development of traffic accident prevention program for young people by educating them not to drink alcohols and having the drive license when participating in traffic, and clearing objects blocking roads, and collaborating with policemen and the safety committee in controlling traffic at rush hours.
- Development of the Program on Conflict conciliation for violence prevention - Development of a healthy-cultural living habit to minimize injuries caused by violence and conflicts

- Establishment of a program on non-social evil in the community to ensure free-drug users and free-gambling spots



*Warning sign at Loc Son 1 Primary school*



*Warning sign in the conjunction of interhamletal way and 41B highway*

#### *Adults 25-64 years:*

- Development of the program on safe laboring in agriculture with a slogan of “safe production, and production safety”. This program is designed to reduce injuries due to agriculture through communication, and education to raise awareness among farmers about mechanical technology in agriculture, as well as encouragement of farmers to use labor protective equipment to reduce risks of injury and education of farmers to prevent pesticides poisoning.
- Participation in the National Week on Occupational Safety and Preventing Fire and Explosion every year.
- Provision of the IEC materials on injury prevention and the use of labor protective equipment.
- Development of a cultural and healthy village movement to reduce injury risks approaching safe home and safe community.

#### *Elderly 65+ years*

- Implementing the safe home program- a volunteer based peer education on activities on common injury prevention
- Developing the cultural and healthy village movement to encourage the elderly doing exercise to have a healthier life.

#### **At the following environments:**

*Home:* Children, elderly, women

*Traffic:* general public, children, the youth

*Occupational:* farmers

*School:* children, the youth, teachers

*Sports/leisure:* table tennis playing, football

*Prevention of electric injuries:* communication and education of the safe electricity use, and encouragement of households complying with the safe use of electricity measures such as placing electrical outlets out of children's reach

*Violence prevention:* link with the crime/violence prevention activities of the communal policemen

Suicide prevention: N/A. Reviewing the statistic data from the communal police and judicial sections. There's no suicide case in recent years

*Program targeting the "High-risk groups"*

Children: Preventing falls, drowning, electricity shock, poisoning

Youth: Preventing traffic injury

Elderly: Preventing falls due to daily life activities, perception of safety

Occupation: preventing eye injury caused by rice husk or sharp objects

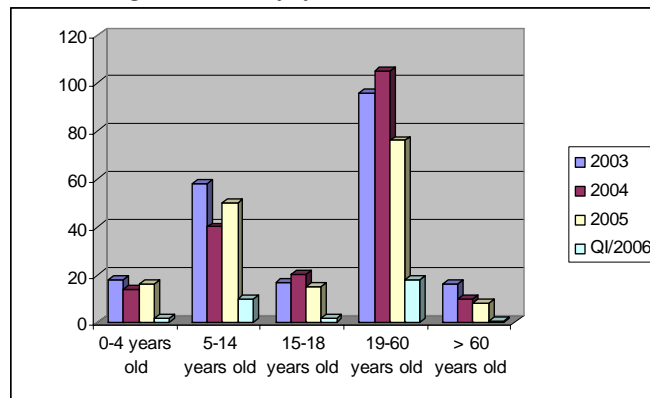
*Surveillance injury:*

The injury data reporting and surveillance system has been officially operated since 2002. All of injuries occurred at the commune were reported by collaborators and village health workers. The injured cases visited to the communal health station (CHS) was recorded in the outpatient records. Deaths due to injury were also reported in the death registered records. All of the morbidity and mortality injury cases were collected and analyzed at the CHS and then sent to the district health centre in the 5<sup>th</sup> day of months. The injury recording form, outpatient records and death registered records were collected and kept at the CHS.

Reporting injured cases using the recording form are conducted by the village health workers and collaborators. This form consists of the following content: full name of victims, permanent address, place of accident (commune, district, province), occupations, places (on the road, at home, at school or others) injury mechanism (traffic accident, fall, labour accident, drowning, animal bite, poisoning, suicide, violence and other), treatment after getting injured, place of treatment...Reporting all necessary and accurate information is important.

*Number of cases per year:* The periodical statistic reports from 2003-2005 showed that the number of injured cases in Loc Son were 565 accounting for

6.76% of cases in Phu Loc district and 2% of cases in Thua Thien Hue province. Of which, 246 cases were of children under 18 years old (accounting for 43.5% of the total cases at the commune) (*see the below figure*). The figure reflects a reality of which the childhood injury is still an emerging problem although number of cases has decreased annually. Luckily, the number of deaths were relatively low and tent to go down by years.



*Distribution of injury cases by age group by years*

*Population base: 7,650*

*Started year: 2002*

**Publications:** N/A

**Produced communication materials, pamphlets:**

- Leaflets on children safety
- Posters on safe community and safe home standards
- Manual on Prevention of common injuries in children
- Books on childhood injury prevention for collaborators and health workers at all levels



*Books on childhood injury prevention*

## **Staffs**

*Number:* 1

*Professions:* Part-time

*Permanent:* N/A

*Organization:* Loc Son commune health station

*Specific intersectoral leadership group:*

There is a Steering Committee of 7 members representing for different sections and organizations. They come from People's Committee, Communal Health Station, Primary School, Kindergarten, Women Union, Cultural-Information Committee, and Population, Family and Children Committee

*General public health/health promotion group:* N/A



*Communal Steering Committee of Injury Prevention/Safe Community Development*

## **International commitments**

*Study visits:*N/A

*Participation in Safe Community conference:* The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian regional conference on safe communities in Taiwan, Oct, 2005 (Dr Hoang Van Duc, Officer of Planning Section, Health Service of Thua Thien Hue, Loc Son permanent consultation for Childhood injury prevention project )

*Hosting safe community conference:* The workshop on accelerating the safe community development of Loc Son in May, 2006

*Hosting "Travelling seminars":* The training course on Guidelines on safe community development for 6 provinces in Vietnam in August, 2006

*Others:*

In 2006, Mrs. Isabelle Bardem, Chief of Childhood Injury Section, UNICEF Vietnam visited Loc Son.

In 2006, Prof. Joon Pil Cho, Director of Emergency Medical Center of Ajou University hospital Suwon, Korea, Co-Chairman of Asia Safe community network had a field visit for designation. He gave valuable advice on injury surveillance and also appreciated the school safety model in Loc Son

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