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## **This hospital registers information for the prevention of injury and poisoning**

This info sheet contains information on prevention registration, your privacy and how you can object to the use of your details.

### **What is the purpose of the registry?**

The SafetyNL prevention registry contains details of how, where and when you suffered an injury or poisoning. Combining this information on large numbers of patients makes it possible to take targeted steps to prevent such incidents in the future. All the hospitals which take part in the registry are therefore helping to prevent injuries and poisoning from occurring wherever you are.

### **How does the prevention registry work?**

In the SafetyNL registration system, information is stored and processed on patients treated in an Accident and Emergency Department in the Netherlands for an injury (or poisoning). This concerns information on how, when and where the patients were injured, not who was injured. The information is collected by the staff of the Accident and Emergency Department (doctors/nurses/administrative personnel). It is then processed for the SafetyNL registration system. The hospital does not provide information to SafetyNL that could identify you personally, such as your name, address, date of birth or Citizen Service Number (BSN). SafetyNL processes the information and adds it to a database with information from a number of other hospitals. The result is a database that is then used for prevention purposes.

## Who are SafetyNL?

SafetyNL is a social organisation that for many years has been promoting safe behaviour in order to prevent as many serious injuries as possible. SafetyNL records information, conducts research into prevention measures and promotes safe behaviour.

This work is carried out in collaboration with the government, businesses, health care professionals and experts.

## Use of the registered information

As a national centre of expertise, SafetyNL analyses the information in the prevention registry from participating hospitals and processes it into fully anonymised overviews. These overviews are then used for research and prevention purposes. The participating hospitals contribute to the registration of circumstances which have resulted in injury or poisoning. This information is processed into overviews used by national, regional and local authorities to develop an injury and poisoning prevention strategy. That strategy, however, is never aimed at individual persons.

## Additional research

Additional research is sometimes conducted by SafetyNL among specific groups of victims. This always takes place through the hospital as SafetyNL does not have your personal details. This means the hospital may write to you inviting you to participate in a survey or study. Participation is of course entirely voluntary and you can withdraw from participation at any time.

## Is this legally allowed?

The hospital devotes considerable effort to protecting the privacy of patients. This prevention registry complies with all relevant legal requirements and privacy guarantees; the hospital is responsible for ensuring that the manner in which your details are handled meets all legal requirements. An explanation of the process in somewhat more technical terms is provided below.

Your details are treated confidentially in accordance with the provisions of the medical treatment agreement in the Dutch Civil Code, the Personal Data Protection Act and the medical professional confidentiality guidelines. The hospital does not provide SafetyNL with information that can be traced back to an individual, meaning it is not possible for this organisation to determine who provided the information received. However, if necessary, the doctors in the Accident and Emergency Department can retrieve this information by means of a special coding system.

The specific agreements on the registered information are laid down in an agreement between the hospital and SafetyNL. This protocol can be viewed at [www.veiligheid.nl/letselregistratie](http://www.veiligheid.nl/letselregistratie).

## Objection

If you do not wish for your details to be forwarded to SafetyNL, you can make this known. There are a number of ways to do so:

- Inform the person providing you with care in the Accident and Emergency Department.
- After your visit to the Accident and Emergency Department, contact the department by e-mail or phone (see contact information below). Your details will then be removed from the SafetyNL registration system. Remember to include your name, date of birth and date of your visit to the Accident and Emergency Department.

If you have objected to inclusion of your details in the registration system, you will not (and cannot) be approached for additional studies conducted by SafetyNL. If you have not objected to the registration of your details, but do not wish to be approached for follow-up studies by SafetyNL, you can also make this known. You do so in the same two ways as described above.

## More information

For more information, contact:

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