

## Regional priority goal II

*Prevent and substantially reduce health consequences from accidents and injuries and pursue a decrease in morbidity from lack of adequate physical activity, by promoting safe, secure and supportive human settlements for all children.*

# What's the problem?

- In Europe, more children die of injuries than all other childhood diseases.
- An estimated 10 billion Euros was spent treating injuries to children in 1999.
- If what we know about effective prevention strategies was applied by member states today researchers estimate that 90% of injuries could be prevented.



# Progress since Budapest 2004

- More political commitment to action
- Multi-sectoral action growing
- Increasing capacity to address child injury prevention



# Challenges to further progress

- Current commitment and resources are not commiserate with the size of the problem.
- More strategies need to go beyond educational campaigns alone.
- No country in the European region has implemented all of the recommended good practice strategies to reduce child injury.



# Key recommendations for 2009

Honour the commitment to promote safe, secure and supportive human settlements for all children in Europe by:

- investing in child injury prevention
- developing national child safety action plans
- adopting, implementing and enforcing what works
- enhancing capacity to develop, implement and evaluate effective injury prevention strategies