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Short description of the institution/project

A project called "At the safety school" will be presented. At the safety school is a teacher manual aimed at introducing safety and prevention into the teaching syllabus. It provides teachers with a conceptual and methodological framework, several examples and suggestions for testing and application of the project. The project drafts an educational course model for primary and lower secondary pupils including proposals and study tools on the subject of safety.

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Background

In 2001 the Bergamo ASL and a group of teachers coordinated by the Provincial School Office drafted a preliminary release of a teachers' handbook, which aimed to introduce safety-related topics of the common environments/contexts, such as home, school, traffic, in the event of disasters in school curricula both at primary and secondary education.

In 2002 ISPESL and ASL signed a two-year study agreement for a "pilot project for the development of a health and safety culture in the schools of a limited territory".

It is expected that a specific training course for teachers will be created so that they can promote effective health and safety actions and contribute to including OSH issues in school curricula.

Ambitions and goals

- To transfer health and safety as a maturation and expression of protective abilities through a programme based on individual and collective experience;
- to draw up an educational course model for primary and lower secondary pupils, including proposals and study tools on the subject of safety, applicable to any Italian school;
- to propose a training process model for teachers for the correct application of the foregoing educational course;
- to define and apply effective criteria and evaluation methods for the above two processes;
- to gather substantial documentation on methodologies and applications and to make it available to all schools wishing to apply the method.

Scope

Education concerning safety and health must be considered a process that implies the acquisition of certain skills. It is therefore a process that is part of the educational course and can be applied to all subject matters (mathematics, science, history, geography, literature, etc.).

The project is aimed at for playschools, primary schools and first and second grades in secondary schools. The themes involve safety at school, at home, on the street, etc.

The manual includes the development of skills concerning:

- Knowing: information necessary for understanding and information on level of the age of the target group;
 - Knowing how to: acquiring operative skills through practical experiences;
- Knowing how to be: acquiring a positive personal attitude.