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HOW PARENTS RECOGNIZE ACCIDENTS HAPPENING TO THEIR INFANTS AND HOW THEY TAKE SAFETY MEASURES AGAINST THE ACCIDENTS

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The top cause of death in infants has been “accidents” since 1960 in Japan, the fatalities account for about 30%. This study aimed to clarify how parents recognize the accidents which may happen to their infants and how they take safety measures against the accidents. After obtaining approval from the ethics committee where the author belongs, a questionnaire survey (RR=45.6%) was conducted with parents having infants during a period of Dec. 2014 in May, 2015. The subjects include 132 fathers and 233 mothers. Forty seven fathers (35.6%) and 134 meters (57.5%) recognized the top cause of death in infants as accidents. The number of a daily basis safety measures taken by parents was 7.93; 6.68 by fathers and 8.63 by mothers. It was found the accidents happening to infants in their houses be recognized by less than half of the parents. Especially, only 35.6% of the fathers had the recognition. In line with the increase of women entering employment in Japan, fathers tend to cooperate in child care. However, the decrease in the capacity of home education and the change of home environment has been pointed out. In light of this.

Biography

Asami Yamashita received her Master of Science in Nursing from University of Health and Welfare. Asami has been investigating potential hazards in the child care environment and to promote preventive actions such as environmental modifications and behavioral changes. She also placed greater importance in educating parents and concerned people about the injury prevention. Her recent research investigates the role of parents in preventing children from injuries at home. Her research has been funded by grants from the Special Research Program of Yokohama Soei University and Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research from Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

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