Who is Dr. Barbara Morrongiello?

As a scientist and practitioner (i.e., Registered Psychologist), I have interests in both basic and applied research. My basic research interests include advancing our knowledge of young children's understanding of safety rules, determining how peers influence one another to engage in injury-risk behaviors during play, and identifying factors that increase children's risk of being hit by cars when crossing streets on their own. My applied research interests are broad and include issues relevant to adolescent well being (e.g., eating disorders, peer and parental influences on risk taking behaviours), determining the best approaches to teaching young children about injury risk and safety practices, and identifying factors that lead parents to adopt or ignore safety precautions that could prevent in-home injuries to young children. I also have interests in children's coping and, in collaboration with Dr. Ben Gottlieb, I am studying how parents socialize children to cope with day-to-day events that lead to emotional upset (e.g., teasing), and how child temperament and parent-child relationship variables moderate the impact of parents' efforts to teach their child how to cope. My coping research also includes work concerning how children and families cope with critical health issues (e.g., a diagnosis of a terminal illness).

My research is disseminated to various health practitioners through the publication of articles in scholarly journals. A few of my more recent publications include:

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