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promoting the value of play

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's probably shouldn't have survived.

We drank water from garden hoses and not from a bottle, we shared one soft drink with friends, from one bottle, and no-one actually died.

We were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were home by dark and in time or tea.

We would spend hours building our go-karts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broken bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls. Some kids ate worms.

We rode bikes or walked to friend's places and knocked on the door, or just walked in.

This generation has produced some of the best risk takers and problem solvers and inventors ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility and we learned how to deal with it all.