

Home Safety Checklist

Your child's safety is important to us!

Accidents are the #1 cause of injury and death in children.

Review the checklist & learn what you can do around the home to protect the children in your life.

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Fall Prevention

- Keep children away from windows. Install window guards and stops.
- Don't let children play on or around stairs.
- Use approved safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs.
- Consider purchasing anti-slip rugs for the floors in your home to prevent dangerous falls.
- Keep hallways and stairs clear of clutter and well-lit.



Prevent Poisonings



- Keep cleaners and other toxic products out of reach of children. Consider using child safety locks on cabinets.
- Keep medications up and out of the reach of children. Ensure that purses and handbags are out of reach of children and be aware of any medications or makeup you may be carrying around.
- Put the **Poison Control Number, 1.800.222.1222**, on your refrigerator in case of accidental poisonings.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms near sleeping areas and on every level to prevent CO poisoning.



TV/Furniture Tip Over Prevention



- Secure TVs to the wall to prevent them from tipping over. Always follow manufacture's instructions.
- Secure furniture with brackets, braces, or wall straps to the wall to prevent furniture from tipping over.
- Install stops on dresser drawers to prevent them from being pulled out all the way. Multiple open drawers can cause weight to shift, making it easier for dressers to fall.



Fire/Burn Prevention

- Check your smoke alarms once a month and practice home fire drills. Teach your children what to do if the smoke alarm sounds and have a meeting place outside for the entire family.
- Create a 3-foot "kid free-zone" using tape on the floor around the stove. Use back burners and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
- Set your hot water to 120° degrees to prevent scalds and burns.



Choking/Suffocation Prevention

- Keep small objects out of reach of children. If a toy can fit inside a toilet paper roll that means the toy is too small for young children.
- Remove drawstrings, jewelry, scarves, purses, and helmets from children when playing or sleeping to prevent strangulation.
- Cut up food for small children into tiny pieces. Children under 5 should not eat small, round, or hard foods including hot dogs, hard candy, grapes, marshmallows, popcorn, etc.



Drowning Prevention

- When your children are in or near water, watch them very carefully. Stay close enough to reach out and touch them. This includes bathtubs, toilets, pools and spas – even buckets of water.
- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning.

