

## General Living Areas

- Sharp edges on furniture padded.
- Bookshelves and tall furniture fastened to wall.
- Electrical outlets covered.
- Window blind cords secured out of reach.
- Small rugs or runners tacked down or slip-free.
- Working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor.
- TV and electrical equipment stored securely.
- Safety rails or screens on fireplaces and woodstoves.
- Chimney inspected and cleaned every year.
- Keep televisions on low sturdy furniture or secured to the wall with anchors, angle braces, or furniture straps.
- Devices examined to make sure battery compartment is secure.

### General areas stored out of reach:

- o Heavy or breakable objects
- o Plants
- o Ashtrays, cigarette butts, or cigarettes
- o Coins
- o Balloons
- o Purses
- o Batteries and devices (e.g., remote controls and key fobs)

Please note, these are only some of the hazards found in the home, additional hazards may still exist.

= Prevent =  
Child Injury

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# Home Safety Checklist

Most injuries to young children happen in the home. Use this checklist to make your home safer.

## What?

What can my child do now?

## So What?

So what can hurt my child?

## Now What?

Now what can I do to keep my child safe?

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## Windows

- Window guards and stops on windows above the first floor.
- Chains and cords on blinds and curtains out of reach.
- Chains at the base of vertical blinds removed.

## Stairs and Railings

- Safety gates at the top and bottom of all stairways (top gate must be approved for use on stairs).
- No loose carpeting, toys, or uneven steps.
- Stairs well lit.
- Protective walls and railings on stairs, porches, and balconies.

## Electrical Outlets and Fixtures

- Switches and outlets have cover plates.
- Electrical cords out of reach.
- Extension cords kept to a minimum.
- Unused outlets on extension cords covered with safety plugs.
- All sockets in light fixtures have bulbs in place.

## Kitchen

- Safety latches on cabinets.
- High chair has a wide base and a harness.
- Pot handles turned inward on the stove and back burners used when possible.
- No tablecloths.
- Food treats and attractive items stored away from the stove.
- Working fire extinguisher.

### Kitchen items stored out of reach:

- Cleaners and chemicals, including detergent pods
- Vitamins and medicine
- Knives and sharp utensils
- Matches
- Plastic bags and plastic wrap
- Glass and breakables
- Small appliances
- Garbage
- Small or loose magnets

## Indoor Play Areas

- Toys examined for loose magnets.
- Remove batteries from toys in storage.
- Toys are age appropriate.

### Toy cautions:

- No small pieces that can cause choking.
- No sharp corners or edges.
- No joints that can pinch fingers.
- Painted with non-toxic paint.
- No broken toys.

## Bedroom

- Crib meets safety standards.
- No bumper pads or toys in the crib.
- Mobile out of reach.
- Child always within reach while on change table.
- Diaper pail and changing supplies out of child's reach.
- Window blind cords secured out of reach.
- No locks on bedroom doors.
- Guardrails on all upper bunks (no child under six years on upper bunks).

## Bathroom

- Child always supervised while in the bathroom and bathtub.
- Water heater turned down to 49° C or 120° F.
- Bath water temperature always checked before putting child in.
- Do not use bath seats and bath rings.
- Expired medicines returned to the pharmacy.
- Slip-free surface in tub.
- Bathroom door kept closed to keep children out.
- Locked bathroom door can be opened from outside.

### Bathroom items stored out of reach:

- Medicines
- Electrical appliances
- Sharp objects
- Garbage