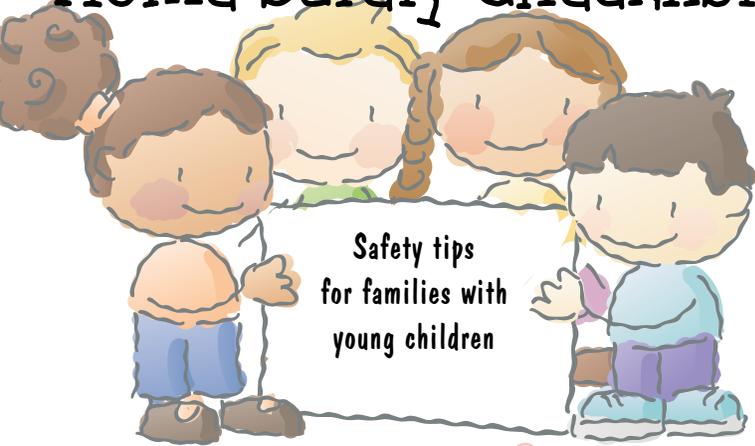


Home Safety Checklist



All Living Areas

- Sharp edges on furniture padded.
- Bookshelves and tall furniture fastened to the wall.
- TV, electronic and electrical equipment stored securely.
- Window blind cords secured out of reach.
- Windows above the first floor closed securely.
- Furniture away from windows.
- Electrical cords out of reach but never under rugs or stapled to baseboards.
- Use as few extension cords as possible.
- Switches and outlets have cover plates.
- No empty sockets without bulbs.
- Working smoke alarms on each floor and near sleeping areas.
- Working carbon monoxide detectors.
- Approved safety gates at the top and bottom of all stairways.
- No loose carpeting, toys, or uneven steps.
- Stairs well lit.
- Protective walls and railings on stairs, porches, balconies.
- Safety rails or screens on fireplaces and woodstoves.
- Locked bedroom or bathroom doors can be opened from outside.
- Chimney inspected and cleaned every year.
- Guns stored unloaded in locked cases with ammunition stored separately.

Keep out of reach:

- Heavy or breakable objects
- Ashtrays/cigarettes/butts
- Wire clothes hangers
- Purses

Bedrooms

- Crib meets safety standards.
- No bumper pads, toys or pillows in the crib.
- Sides of crib and playpen are up and secure.
- Mobile out of reach.
- Always keep one hand on child while child is on change table.
- Diaper pail and changing supplies out of reach.
- Guard rails on all upper bunks (no child under six years on upper bunks).

Bathroom

- Water heater turned down to 49° C or 120° F.
- Always run cold water before hot. Always turn cold water off last.
- Adult always present while child is in the bathroom or bathtub.
- Bath water temperature always checked with elbow before putting child in.
- Slip-free surface in tub.
- When not in use bathroom doors should be kept closed to keep children out.
- Expired medicines returned to the pharmacy.

Keep out of reach

- Vitamins and medicines
- Electrical appliances
- Sharp objects
- Garbage
- Cleaning supplies

Kitchen

- Adult always present while child is in kitchen.
- Safety latches on cabinets and drawers.
- High chair has wide base and harness always used.
- Pot handles turned inward on the stove.
- No tablecloths.
- Food treats and attractive items stored away from the stove.
- Working fire extinguisher.

Keep out of reach

- Cleaners and chemicals
- Vitamins and medicines
- Knives and sharp utensils
- Matches
- Plastic bags and plastic wrap
- Glass and breakables
- Small appliances
- Garbage

Toys

- Choose age appropriate toys.
- No small pieces that can break off.
- No small pieces that can cause choking.
- No broken toys.
- Batteries removed from toys in storage.
- No joints that can pinch fingers.
- No sharp corners or edges.
- Toys put away to avoid dangers on the floor.

Outdoor areas of the home

- Children always within reach if in or near water (pools, streams, puddles).
- Children always within reach while outdoors.
- Gardening tools and chemicals locked in a shed or garage.
- Home play structures inspected regularly and fixed promptly.
- Outdoor play areas set up away from driveways, street traffic, and farm activities.

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