

## Keep Your Child Safe at Home



1. **All children are at risk for injury where ever they are - at home, school, and in the park.**
2. **It is important that you learn how to make sure that your home is safe:**

◆ **Bathroom:**

- a. Put safety caps on medicines and cleaning products and keep them up high and out of reach.
- b. Check bath water to make sure it is not too hot (babies have very sensitive skin).
- c. Never leave young children alone in the bathtub or near water.

◆ **Kitchen:**

- d. Use high chair safety straps and don't leave child alone in chair.
- e. Use back burners and turn pan handles toward back of stove.
- f. Place plastic bags, knives, matches, and cleaning supplies in locked areas out of the reach of children.

◆ **Living Areas:**

- g. Block stairs with safety gates.
- h. Cover outlets with safety plugs.
- i. Keep small objects away from children.
- j. Make sure drapery cords are out of reach.
- k. Keep furniture away from windows so children can't climb up and fall out.
- l. Remove lids on toy chests so that they can't fall down and smash fingers or heads.

◆ **Bedrooms:**

- m. Check furniture to make sure it is sturdy and that no screws or sharps edges are present.
- n. Don't put plastic sheets in cribs.
- o. Don't hang elastic or string across cribs or playpens.
- p. Avoid cribs with cutouts that a child can get stuck in.
- q. Never tie pacifiers around your baby's neck or put your child to bed with a bib on.
- r. Don't have drape cords within reach of the crib.

3. **Children are fast and curious. Take precautions and be prepared!**

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