

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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