

## Bedroom

- Crib meets safety standards.
- No bumper pads or toys in the crib that can be used to climb.
- Crib mobiles out of reach.
- Child always within reach when placed on change table.
- Diaper pail and changing supplies out of reach.
- Window blind cords secured out of reach.
- No locks on bedroom doors.
- Guardrails mounted on all upper bunks. (No children under six years of age on upper bunks.)



## Bathroom

- Children always supervised while in the bathroom and bathtub.

### Stored out of reach:

- medicines
- electrical appliances
- sharp objects
- garbage
- Water heater turned down to 49°C or 120°F
- Bath water temperature always checked before putting child in.
- 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.



## Indoor Play Areas

### Toy cautions:

- no small pieces that can cause choking
- no sharp corners or edges
- no joints that can pinch
- painted with non-toxic paint
- no broken toys.
- Toys put away to avoid dangers on the floor.
- Remove batteries from toys in storage.
- Toys are age appropriate.



## Kitchen

- Safety latches on cabinets.

### Stored out of reach:

- cleaners and chemicals
- vitamins and medicine
- knives and sharp utensils
- matches
- plastic bags and plastic wrap
- glass and breakables
- small appliances
- garbage.
- High chair has wide base and harness.
- Pot handles turned inward on the stove.
- No tablecloths.
- Food treats and attractive items stored away from the stove
- Working fire extinguisher.



## General Living Areas

- Sharp edges on the furniture padded.
- Bookshelves and tall furniture fastened to wall.
- Electrical outlets covered.

### Stored out of reach:

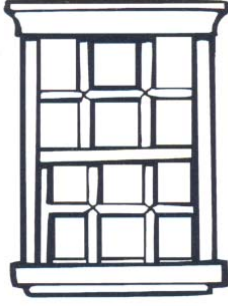
- heavy or breakable objects
- plants
- ashtrays/cigarette butts/cigarettes
- coins
- balloons
- purses.
- Window blind cords secured out of reach.
- Small rugs or runners tacked down or slip free.
- Working smoke detectors on each floor.
- Working carbon monoxide detectors, if appropriate.
- TV and electrical equipment stored securely.
- Safety rails or screens on fireplaces and woodstoves.
- Chimney inspected and cleaned every year.
- Guns stored unloaded in locked cases with ammunition stored separately.



Adapted with permission:

## Windows

- Windows above the first floor secured.
- Chains and cords on blinds and curtains out of reach.
- Chains at the base of vertical blinds removed.



## Stairs and Railing

- 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 but never under rugs or stapled to baseboards.
- Extension cords kept to a minimum.
- Unused outlets on extension cords covered with safety plugs.
- All sockets in light fixtures have bulbs in place.



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## A Home Safety Checklist

Most injuries to young children happen in the home. This checklist will help you find areas in your home that may not be safe.

**No safety measures can make a house completely safe.**

**No safety measures can replace your supervision.**

