

Safety First

Do a safety check and protect your family from these household hazards.

Living Room



- Electrical cords are out of children's reach and outlets are covered.
- Windows have screens and can be locked in both open and closed positions. The open position is no more than 6 inches from the top or bottom.
- Sharp furniture edges are cushioned.
- Rugs and carpets are attached to the floor or have nonskid backings.
- Toys are put away when not in use and do not clutter doorways and stairs.

Kitchen



- Hands are washed before food is prepared or served.
- Matches, lighters, and sharp or hazardous utensils are out of the sight and reach of children
- Foods that can cause choking—hot dogs, popcorn, peanut butter, and grapes, for example—are not served to infants or toddlers.

Bathroom



- Cleansers, cosmetics, medications, and other poisonous products are stored in their original containers and out of children's reach.
- Stable step stools are available
- Children are never left unsupervised in or near water.
- Hands are washed after changing diapers or using the toilet.

Bedroom



- Toys are too large in fit completely in a child's mouth and have no small, detachable parts.
- Plastic bags are knotted and thrown away. They are never used as toys.
- Bedclothes, sheets, and blankets are made of flame-resistant materials.
- Blind and drapery cords are out of children's reach and sight.

Outdoors



- Vehicles are locked when not in use.
- All passengers use seat belts or age appropriate, approved child safety seats.
- Yards are kept clear of litter, insect colonies, poisonous plants and other hazardous materials.
- Wading pools are emptied immediately after use. Buckets, tubs, and other containers are stored upside down and do not accumulate water.