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## Home Child Safety Checklist

Check	Safety Issue
<b>Kitchen</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Store kitchen and household cleaners completely separate from food items (i.e. not in the pantry closet). Ideally, these should be stored in a separate room or in the garage in an area that is locked or off-limits to children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Store trash cans and recyclables out of reach of children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use high chair safety belts at all times.
<input type="checkbox"/>	When cooking, keep pots and pans on the back burner whenever possible and avoid hanging handles over the edge of the stove.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and ensure that it's inspected regularly. Keep this out of reach and preferably out of sight for children. However, it should be easily accessible by adults in case of fire.
<b>Bathroom</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	All medications should be stored in the medicine cabinet and in their original containers. In addition you should use child-proof locking caps for all medications as an extra precaution.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use toilet lock to ensure children can't fall into the toilet while exploring the home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Store all bathroom appliances in the cupboard when not in use, including blow dryers, curling irons, razors, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place non-slip mats in the bathtub.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjust your water heater temperature to 120 degrees or below to avoid scalding accidents.
<b>Living Room</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install gates at the top and bottom of the stairs to ensure that infants and toddlers do not fall down the stairs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean your fireplace and chimney annually to avoid the build-up of ash and soot, which can be potentially hazardous to children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep a screen, gate, or other form of guard in front of the fireplace at all times, even when it's not lit, as this will ensure that children know it's off limits.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fasten your drapes and /or curtains far away from fireplaces to avoid children accidentally pulling these down and into the fireplace.
<b>Backyard</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that pool areas are blocked off with a gate that has a child-proof lock.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use shock absorbing material, such as wood chips or sand, around all play equipment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure any exposed bolts or other metal fixtures on backyard equipment are covered with plastic or tape.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secure any home playground equipment firmly to the ground and do not install it within 6 feet from a wall or fence.
<b>Playrooms</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that toy chests have a child-safe mechanism to keep the lid open in any position to avoid the lid accidentally closing on the child.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure all children's furniture in the playroom and throughout the house was made after 1978 to avoid potential lead paint poisoning issues.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have children of multiple ages, especially infants and toddlers, ensure that toys for older children are stored separately and that older children know not to use these toys unless the infant or toddler is asleep or away from the area.
<b>Miscellaneous Areas</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any maintenance supplies, such as paint, paint thinner, or other form of liquid should be stored completely out of reach of children, preferably in the garage in a locked area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install an automatic garage door opener that includes an approved mechanism to stop it from closing if something or someone is underneath it.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove strings from any toys and items used around an infant or toddler.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check for neighbors that have unsecured pools and consider asking them to keep their backyards secure and locked to ensure wandering children do not end up exploring their backyard and pool area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Store firearms unloaded in a locked area and store ammunition in a separate locked area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post 911 and other emergency contacts near the phone and ensure your children are aware of when and how to use these in case of an emergency.
<b>Throughout The Entire Home</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have plants in the home? If so, are any of them poisonous or something to which your children may be allergic? If you're unable or unwilling to get rid of these plants, consider keeping them up high and out of reach of your children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Empty all buckets of liquid immediately after use and store them upside down.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secure all furniture to the wall that is prone to falling over if children pull on it.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check for loose paint throughout the house that children could pull off the wall (i.e. flakes of paint).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eliminate openings of more than 3 or 4 inches on headboards in bedrooms and on railings throughout the house such as staircases. Consider using child-fencing in these areas as a short term solution until your child has grown.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install child-proof locks on windows, doors, and screens. Ensure windows can open only a maximum of four inches.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use safety plugs in unused power outlets.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secure extension cords out of children's reach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Securely fasten rugs and carpet to the floor to ensure they are not a hazard for trips and falls.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install smoke detectors in the halls near bedrooms and on every level of the home. Be sure to check that they're working properly and fully charged on a monthly basis.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Locate all appliance pilot lights, such as kitchen stoves and water heaters. Keep all flammable liquids stored far away from these areas to avoid potential spills that could lead to fires. In addition, these liquids should be far out of reach of children at all times, preferably in a locked storage area.

This checklist is brought to you by [Blindsgalore.com](http://Blindsgalore.com), a leading provider of window covering options for the home. Not only do we believe in beautifying your home with our products, but we also believe that keeping children safe is extremely important. That's why we created this Home Safety Checklist.

Use this checklist to inspect your home, room by room, for potential child safety issues.

Disclaimer: While we've done our best to make this a helpful guide for parents, it is not meant to be a completely comprehensive resource to guarantee the safety of children in the home. We recommend consulting with an expert.