

Safety Checklist

- The home has working smoke detectors.
- The family practices fire drills
- There are no fire hazards, all electrical cords are in good condition, electrical outlets are plugged with safety caps.
- Matches are not accessible to children.
- A fire extinguisher is working and easily accessible.
- Radiators, hot water pipes, stove-top and fireplaces have covers or barriers that prevent children from getting burned
- Toilets flush and plumbing is in working order.
- A first aid kit is accessible and well stocked.
- Emergency phone numbers are visibly posted.
- All exits are accessible and free of clutter.
- Stairways have guards or railings, are sturdy and well lit.
- Windows, including screens, are fastened securely to prevent children from falling out.
- All medicines are clearly labeled and stored in a locked facility.
- Knives, scissors and s=other sharp objects are kept out of children's reach.
- All firearms should be equipped with a trigger-lock and stored, uncocked, unloaded, in a locked place that is inaccessible to any youth in the home. Keys to the locked container are also stored in a place that is inaccessible to children and youth in the home. Firearms should not be stored with valuables.
- Tools, especially power tools, are stored safely and are not accessible to children.
- TVs, VCRs, computers and other equipment are secured on stands to prevent tipping or collapse.
- Cleaning agents are stored in original containers and kept out of reach of children.
- Infant cribs, playpens and changing tables meet current safety standards.
- There are no poisonous plants in the house.
- The yard is fenced or otherwise safe for small children.
- Equipment and garden tools such as lawnmowers are inaccessible to small children.
- There are no pets that can harm a child.
- The play area is free of sharp or otherwise dangerous objects.
- If yard includes a trampoline or swimming pool, there are barriers that prevent access to unsupervised children and must meet all requirements.
- All play equipment including swings, slides, and climbing toys are rust free and in good repair.
- Car seats must meet current safety standards as well as weight and age requirements.
- Window coverings are cordless.
- No bunkbeds or futons
- Smoking?
- Lead paint



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