



POISON PREVENTION

Little hands can lead to big trouble. As your baby begins toddling around the house, toxic substances in drawers and cabinets are within reach. Children at this age also begin to imitate others behaviors, so it's important to model safety first.

- Lock up medications and other medicine out of reach and sight
- Keep products in their original containers
- Never refer to medicine or vitamins as "candy"
- Always read labels and follow directions
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- Read labels and instructions on all household products
- Safely store house cleaners, detergents and poisons out of reach
- Use child-resistant packages
- Never leave potentially poisonous household products unattended while in use
- Install carbon monoxide alarms
- Prevent CO buildup in the first place—make sure heating appliances are in good working order and used only in well-ventilated areas
- Don't run a car in the garage, even to warm it up. Move the car outside first

Where can I find safety devices?

Menards in West Bend

Toys "R" Us
8825 N. 76th St.
Milwaukee, WI
Phone: 414-335-4110

Toys "R" Us/Kids "R" Us (2 locations)
335 S. Mooreland Rd.
Brookfield WI 53005
Phone: 262-797-8577
&
3900 S. 27th St.
Milwaukee WI 53221
Phone: 414-282-4300

Www.babiesrus.com
Free shipping on all baby products

<http://kidsafeinc.com>

For more safety information, go to www.co.washington.wi.us and select Departments, choose Health Department, scroll down and click on Car Seats, click on Safe Kids or go to www.safekids.org,

No safety product is ever a substitute for adult supervision.



Washington County Health Department
333 E. Washington Street, Suite 1100
West Bend WI 53095
262-335-4462
Fax: 262.335-4463



Home Safety for Little Kids 1-4 Years



1-800-222-1222 WI Poison Center

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Injury Prevention



BURN PREVENTION

Fire is just one cause of burn injuries—children can also be seriously injured by hot liquids, heating appliances, hot pots and pans, electrical currents and chemicals. Little kids are also at risk around steam irons, curling irons and space heaters. Curb their curiosity by eliminating hazards in the home.

- Never leave your child alone
- Check the temperature of bath water
- Make the stove area a “kid-free zone”
- Turn handles of pots & pans away from the front
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees or lower
- Keep matches locked away and out of reach



CHOKING, SUFFOCATION & STRANGULATION

Like babies, little kids are very curious about the things around them and will touch, taste and smell just about anything. Keep your child safe from things that could choke, suffocate and strangle them by making home and play areas safe.

- Keep small objects out of reach
- Don't feed children under 3 years small, round or hard foods, such as hot dogs, hard candy, nuts, grapes and popcorn
- Buy age appropriate toys
- Don't allow toddlers to sleep on couches, chairs, regular beds or other soft surfaces
- Laundry machines, car trunks, and toy chests are not good places for kids to play in
- Tie up window blind and drapery cords out of reach
- Avoid dressing kids in necklaces, purses, scarves, helmets, or clothing with drawstrings



DOOR SAFETY

Use door stops, finger pinch guards and hinge guards to prevent finger injuries. Use doorknob covers or door locks to prevent access to unsafe areas.

DROWNING

It only takes about an inch of water and a few seconds for a small child to drown. As your baby starts walking, she may find water exciting. Lack of mobility and coordination puts her at risk from falling into water. From toilets and bathtubs to buckets of water, little kids can be at great risk for drowning.

- Keep toilet lids shut and use toilet locks
- Keep bathroom doors closed at all times
- Never leave a child alone around water
- Install four-sided fencing at least 5 feet high with self-closing and self-latching gates around home pools
- Empty all buckets
- Learn infant CPR
- Entrapment (force of drain suction), install outlet covers over all pool and spa drains



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Cover all unused electrical outlets using outlet covers and/or power strip covers. Insert plugs fully so that part of the prongs are exposed when the cord is in use. Use electrical cords, power strips and surge protectors that have polarized plugs with one blade slightly wider than the other, or grounded three pronged plugs. These features reduce the risk of electric shock. Make sure cords do not dangle from the counter or table tops to present a tripping or strangulation risk.



FALLS PREVENTION

Furniture safety: protect your child from metal furniture with jumbo foam edge protectors and sharp edges with corner cushions. Check all your furniture for stability and use tip-resistant furniture safety brackets to help secure any unstable furniture. Avoid tables or other furniture with glass tops until children are older.



- Do not place toys or items that attract children on top of furniture
- Place furniture away from windows, and secure it to the wall with anchor straps
- Install safety gates at the top and the bottom of staircases
- Actively supervise toddlers on stairs. Hold their hands when climbing up and down stairs
- Make sure stairs are clear of toys and other objects
- Install safety guards on windows. Screens are meant to keep bugs out, not children in
- Keep windows locked when they're closed



FIRE PREVENTION

Children ages 5 and under are more than twice as likely to die in a fire as the rest of the population. Often young children are afraid of fire and not sure how to escape safely. Knowing how to safeguard your house against fires and as teaching children what to do if there is a fire can keep everyone safe.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area
- Lock up matches and lighters out of sight and reach
- Never leave a hot stove unattended
- Practice an escape plan with your child
- Avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket

