

Poison Prevention for Big Kids at Home

Test for lead and carbon monoxide. Although household cleaners are a frequent cause of poisoning, kids can also be fatally poisoned by iron, alcohol and carbon monoxide. Because no prevention method is 100% effective, learn how to keep poison exposure from turning into tragedy for you and your family.

Top Tips

- Keep cleaning products in their original containers. Never put a potentially poisonous product in something other than its original container (like a plastic soda bottle), where it could be mistaken for something harmless
- Know which household products are poisonous
- Lock up poisons out of children's sight and reach
- Always read labels and follow the exact directions. Give children medicines based on their weights and ages, and only use the dispensers that come packaged with children's medications
- Never refer to medicine or vitamins as "candy"
- Do not have children help you take medication
- Be aware of medications that may be in your handbag. Store handbags out of the reach of young children
- Install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home
- 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 engine 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

Wwww.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, www.cpsc.gov, www.safetots.com (little kids only).

No safety product is ever a substitute for adult supervision.



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Home Safety for
Big Kids
5-9 Years



Washington County
Injury Prevention



1-800-222-1222 WI Poison Cen-

Preventing Injuries: at home, at play, and on the way....

Burn Prevention for Big Kids

Flame burns (caused by direct contact with fire) are more common among older children. Because young children have thinner skin than older children and adults, their skin burns at lower temperatures and more deeply. There are several precautions parents and caregivers can take to keep children safe from burns.

Top Tips

- Do not allow children to use a microwave until they are both tall enough to reach in safely and able to understand that steam can cause burns
- Place hot foods and liquids on the center of the table
- Always supervise young children in the kitchen and around electrical appliances and outlets
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees or lower to avoid burns
- Keep matches, gasoline, lighters and all other flammable materials locked away and out of children's reach

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

- Actively supervise your children around home pools, and have a phone nearby to call for help in an emergency.

Top Tips

- When there are several adults present and children are swimming, use a Water Watcher card to designate an adult Water Watcher to prevent gaps in supervision
- Cover and lock hot tubs when not in use
- Enroll non swimming adults and children in swimming classes
- Learn CPR

Falls Prevention for Big Kids at Home

Top Tips

- Never leave children alone around open windows, balconies or decks, so they can't reach the edge
- Install safety guards on all windows that are not emergency exits
- Do not place toys or items that attract children on top of furniture. Don't let children climb on furniture or use drawers and shelves as steps
- Place furniture away from windows and secure it to the wall to prevent it from tipping over
- Actively supervise your children when they are on a playground, and provide safe places to play

Fire Prevention for Big Kids at Home

Top Tips

- Don't wear loose fitting clothing in the kitchen
- Never leave the kitchen unattended while cook, and never leave a child alone while cooking

Top Tips

- Keep anything that can catch fire (like dish towels or wooden spoons) away from your stovetop
- Install smoke alarms in and outside of every sleeping area and test smoke alarms monthly
- Teach children what to do when they hear the sound of the smoke alarm
 - Crawl low under smoke
 - Touch doors before opening them; if the door is hot, use another exit
 - Never go back into a burning building; children should be reminded not to stop or return for anything, such as a toy or to call 911
 - Upon leaving the burning building, children whose clothes have caught fire should immediately stop, drop to the ground and roll back and forth quickly to extinguish the flames
- Practice an escape plan with your child
- Teach young children not to play with matches or lighters. Lock up matches and lighters out of their sight and reach
- Keep all portable heaters out of children's reach and at least 3 feet away from flammable objects
- Avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same outlet
- Keep children away from candles and other open flames