

Child Safety Checklist



Use the following checklist as a guide to help keep your children safe at home.

Learn more about actions you can take to keep your family safe in and around your home in Home Safety Council's Safety Guide including:

- Nursery Safety
- Toddler Safety
- Toy Safety
- Playground Safety
- Halloween Safety



- ___ Have you tested your hot water and turned the temperature of your water heater down to 120 Fahrenheit or lower to reduce the risk of burns and scalds?
- ___ Have your older children memorized your address and phone number?
- ___ Do you have a first-aid kit that is easily accessible and stocked with emergency items?
- ___ Have you installed UL-listed smoke alarms on every level of your home?
- ___ Do you test your smoke alarms once a month to make sure they are working, and replace the batteries every year?
- ___ Does your family practice a home fire escape plan at least twice a year?
- ___ Are all matches and lighters secured in a locked cabinet?
- ___ Have you installed a UL-listed carbon monoxide (CO) alarm in the hallway near bedrooms in your home?
- ___ Does your child stay at least three feet away from the range at all times?
- ___ Do you keep all pot handles turned away from the edge of the range?
- ___ Do you test the temperature of your child's bath water to ensure it is below 120 Fahrenheit?
- ___ Have you installed child safety locks on cabinets where hazardous materials are stored?
- ___ Are dangerous household items, such as medicines, toxic bleaches, oven and drain cleaners, paint solvents, polishes, and waxes, stored safely in a locked cabinet?
- ___ Do you lock up all outside chemicals, especially pesticides, fertilizers and automotive fluids?
- ___ Do you use gasoline as a motor fuel only, and store it outside the home in a shed or garage?



A safe home is in your hands.

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- ___ Do dangerous household and outside products have child-resistant packaging?
- ___ Do you keep all plastic wrapping materials, including dry-cleaning bags, produce bags and trash bags, away from children?
- ___ Are you careful not to hang pictures, quilts or decorations containing ribbon or string on or over a crib?
- ___ Have you checked to make sure blind cords are not dangling low off windows and do not hang in a loop?
- ___ Have you placed furniture, including cribs and playpens, away from windows to prevent falls?
- ___ Are unused electrical outlets covered with safety caps?
- ___ If young children live in or visit your home, have you installed baby gates at the top and bottom of stairwells?
- ___ Do you practice “touch supervision” – keeping children within an arm’s reach -- around any standing water that could pose a drowning danger?
- ___ Have you examined nursery furnishings to be sure they are strong and secure?
- ___ Have you carefully examined toys and pacifiers and removed those with small or broken parts that could be lodged in a child’s throat, ears or nose?
- ___ Do you keep small items including jewelry, buttons, safety pins, coins and small batteries away from children?
- ___ Have you checked the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website at **www.cpsc.gov** to find out if your crib, toys or other home items have been recalled?