



This checklist will help you find areas in your home that may not be safe.



Stored locked up and out of sight and reach:

- cleaners and chemicals
- vitamins and medicine
- knives and sharp utensils
- matches
- plastic bags and plastic wrap
- glass and breakables
- small appliances
- garbage

General Living Areas

- Sharp edges on furniture padded
- Bookshelves and tall furniture fastened to wall
- Window blind cords secured out of reach
- Rugs or runners tacked down or slip-free
- Working smoke alarms on each floor
- Working carbon monoxide detectors
- TV and electrical equipment stored securely
- Safety rails or screens on fireplaces and woodstoves
- Chimney inspected and cleaned every year
- Guns stored unloaded in locked cases with ammunition stored separately



Bathroom

- Adult always present while child is in the bathroom or bathtub
- Water heater turned down to 49°C or 120°F
- Always run cold water before hot and always turn cold water off last
- Bath water temperature always checked with elbow before putting child in
- Expired medicines returned to the pharmacy
- Slip-free surface in tub and free of bath seats
- Bathroom doors kept closed to keep children out
- Locked bathroom doors can be opened from outside

- Window blind cords secured out of reach
- Locked bedroom doors can be opened from outside
- Guardrails on all upper bunks (no child under six years on upper bunks)

Indoor Play Areas

- Toys put away to avoid dangers on the floor
- Batteries removed from toys in storage
- Toys are age appropriate
- No baby walkers

Toy cautions:

- no small pieces that can cause choking
- no sharp corners or edges
- no joints that can pinch fingers
- painted with non-toxic paint
- no broken toys



- Keep toys with small magnets out of the reach of children of any age who still tend to put non-food items in their mouth

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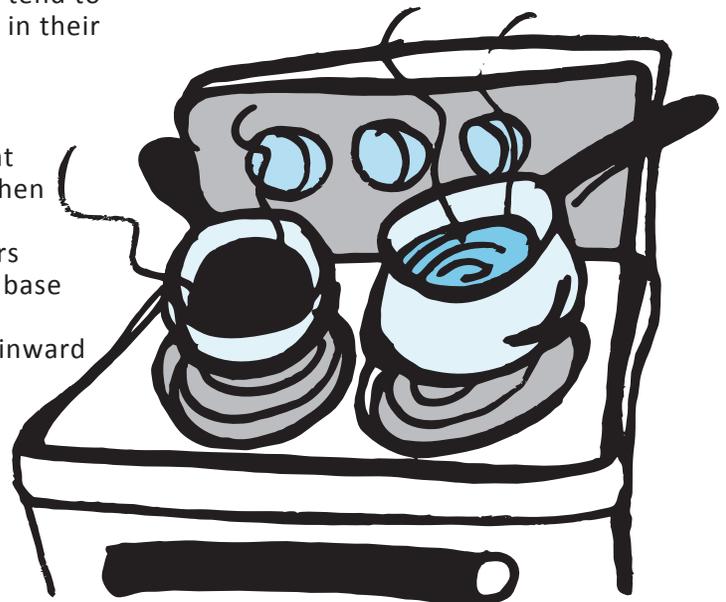
- medicines and vitamins
- electrical appliances
- sharp objects
- garbage
- cleaning supplies

Bedroom

- Crib, cradle or bassinet meets current Canadian Safety Standards
- No bumper pads or toys in the crib
- Mobile out of reach
- Always keep one hand on child while child is on change table
- Diaper pail and changing supplies out of reach

Kitchen

- Adult always present while child is in kitchen
- Safety latches on cabinets and drawers
- High chair has wide base and harness
- Pot handles turned inward on the stove
- No tablecloths
- Food treats and attractive items stored away from the stove
- Working fire extinguisher



Did you know?

Safety measures cannot make a house completely safe or replace your supervision.

Windows

- Windows above the first floor secured
- Chains and cords on blinds and curtains out of reach
- Furniture away from windows

Electrical Outlets and Fixtures

- Switches and outlets have cover plates
 - Electrical cords out of reach but never under rugs or stapled to baseboards
 - Extension cords kept to a minimum
 - All sockets in light fixtures have bulbs in place
- Unused outlets covered with safety plugs on:**
- Wall outlets
 - Extension cords
 - Power bars

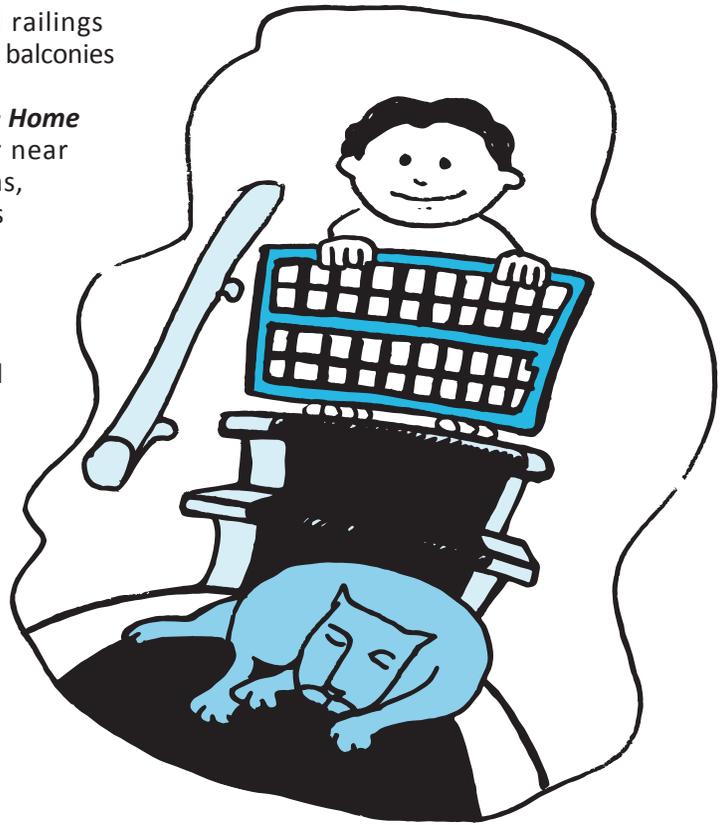
Stairs and Railings

- Hardware-mounted safety gates installed at top and bottom of stairs

- No loose carpeting, toys or uneven steps
- Stairs well lit
- Protective walls and railings on stairs, porches and balconies

Outdoor Areas of the Home

- Children in water or near water (pools, streams, puddles etc.) always within reach
- Children always within arms' reach while outdoors
- Gardening tools and chemicals locked in shed or garage
- Home play structures inspected regularly and fixed promptly
- Outdoor play areas kept separate from driveways and street traffic



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This checklist is intended as a reference tool only. Installing safety products can help reduce unintentional injuries but is not a substitute for adult supervision. Supervision is the most important thing you can do to protect your children. For more information on products, advisories, warnings and recalls visit www.healthcanada.gc.ca/cps

Most injuries to young children happen in the home. This checklist will help you find areas in your home that may not be safe.



A Home Safety Checklist

Beamer the Safety Bug's checklist for families with children 0-6 years

Safe Adventures Start at Home