

Home Safety Checklist

PLEASE NOTE: This information should be used as a guideline only.

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST:

Kitchen:	✓	Action:
Oven secured to prevent it from tipping over.		
Back elements used first and pot handles turn inwards, away from the front of the stove to prevent scalds.		
Power point covers fitted to electrical points to prevent electrocution.		
Fire blanket and/or fire extinguisher available in case of fire.		
Electrical appliances unplugged after use.		
Hot drink always out of reach of children to prevent scalds.		
Hot water in kettles out of reach of children. (Cords not dangling off the counter.)		
High chair is stable and fitted with an appropriate safety belt to prevent nasty falls.		
Safety gate installed at the entrance of the kitchen and closed whilst food is being prepared.		
Dishwasher closed at all times to prevent accidental poisoning.		
All cleaning products locked away in a cupboard, away from children's reach.		
Microwave positioned out of children's reach.		
Plastic bags, knives and small objects kept away from children's reach.		
Dustbins are closed and out of reach.		
Bathroom & Laundry:		
All medications and cleaning products stored in locked cupboards.		
All poisonous substances kept in their original, clearly marked containers. (Not in cold drink bottles.)		
No electrical appliances in the bathroom.		
Nappy buckets fitted with a tight-sealing lid and kept off the floor.		
No-slip surface on the bath and shower or non-slip mats used to prevent falls.		
Children to be supervised in the bathroom at all times.		
Hot water to be delivered to the bathroom at no more than 50°C to prevent serious scalds. (Bath filled with cold water first then hot.)		

Living Area:	✓	Action:
Corner covers on furniture with sharp edges.		
All blind cords out of reach to prevent accidental strangulation.		
Fire and heater guards in place.		
Matches and lighter kept out of reach at all times.		
Heaters placed away from curtain and other flammable materials.		
Toys stored within children's reach.		
A safe and separate play area provided.		
Warning label checked on all toys before purchasing for children.		
Furniture kept away from all windows, especially in double story homes.		
Safety glass or shatter-resistant film fitted to all windows and sliding doors.		
Power point covers fitted to electrical outlets to prevent electrocution.		
Safety gates placed at the top and bottom of stairways.		
Layout and placement of furniture in each room allows a clear pathway to prevent tripping and collisions.		
Unused electrical plug points have safety covers.		

Bedrooms:		
Cots adopt a safer design to prevent serious injury.		
Cot mattress fits snug to prevent entrapment. A new mattress is used for every new child and if possible, easy-breathe mattress to be used.		
No mobiles, pillow, toys or bumper in the cot to prevent suffocation.		
Cot away from windows and curtain to prevent strangulation.		
Change table fitted with body harness or baby changed at floor level to prevent nasty falls.		
No electric blankets on child's bed to prevent electrocution.		
Smoke alarms fitted outside each bedroom with batteries checked regularly.		
No young children should be allowed to sleep on the top of a bunk bed to prevent nasty falls.		
Ensure that cots and baby furniture are painted with lead-free paints.		

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