



Home Safety Checklist

General information

- Do young children stay here other than your own?
- Is there a crib that meets the current standards?
- Do you have an emergency exit plan to use in case of fire and is it practiced?
- Do you have a carbon monoxide detector?
- Are curtain cords and shade pulls kept out of children's reach?
- Are smoke detectors installed on each level and do they have a working battery?
- Are sharp edges of furniture cushioned with corner guards or other materials?
- Is a list of emergency phone numbers, such as police, fire, doctor, and poison control next to each phone?

Bedroom

- Are space heaters kept away from curtains and flammable materials?
- Are cosmetics and perfumes stored out of a child's reach?
- Is there a lamp or light switch within reach of bed? Falls can happen easily in a dark room.
- Are children's beds placed away from all windows and all cords out of reach?
- Is there a first aid kit available?

Bathroom

- Does your tub or shower have a slip-resistant surface to stand on?
- Is the thermostat on the water heater set to 120 degrees F?
- Are medicines clearly labeled and in original containers with childproof caps?
- Is the medicine cabinet cleaned out regularly to discard expired or outdated medication?
- Is the toilet seat and lid kept down when not in use?
- Does the tub spout have a protective cover?
- Are there safety latches on all drawers or cabinets?
- Are hair dryers and other appliances stored away from sink, tub and toilet?
- Are medicines, cosmetics, sprays, cleaners, mouthwash, hair care products, etc., out of children's reach?

Kitchen

- Are pot handles turned inward when cooking?
- Do you store food and household cleaners separately?
- Are knives and other sharp items kept out of child's reach?
- Do you wipe or pick up spilled water, grease or food peelings immediately, to avoid slipping?
- Is there a fire extinguisher available?
- Do you keep kitchen cabinets, doors and drawers closed?
- Are potholders, dishtowels and spice racks away from the stove so they won't catch fire?
- Have child-resistant safety latches been installed on all cabinets?
- Are matches and lighters kept out of children's reach?

Living Area

- Are stairways kept clear and uncluttered?
- Are stairs and hallways well lit?
- Are rugs and runners skid-proof?
- Are rugs and carpets free of curled edges, worn spots and rips?
- Are curtain cords and shade pulls kept out of children's reach?
- Are smoke detectors installed on each level and do they have a working battery?
- Are sharp edges of furniture cushioned with corner guards or other materials?
- Are plastic bags kept out of a child's reach?
- Are unused electrical outlets covered with safety covers?
- Are windows secured with window locks?
- Are there sturdy handrails or banisters by all steps and stairs?
- Are poisonous plants kept out of children's reach?
- Are extension cords used properly and in good shape, (i.e. have no cracks or wire showing)?
- Is furniture secure, not easily tipped, secure footing?
- Is clothing iron put away out of child's reach when done? Irons can stay hot for up to an hour.
(The stove is a safe place, out of reach of child and can hold a hot object)

Garage / Basement / Utility Room

- Are insect spray and weed killers kept in a locked area or out of reach?
- Are gasoline and car products in a locked storage cabinet?
- Are flammable products in safety cans and stored separately in a well-ventilated storage area?
- Are all cleaners and paint products in their original containers?

Outside

- Is proper gear available for sporting activities? (i.e. bike helmets)
- Does child have a proper car seat for age of child?
- Is there proper ground cover for outdoor play equipment
- Are clothes lines put away after use?