

## **Child Safety Checklist**



Tallity Safety		LOCATION(S)
HAZARD	TO DO	(e.g. 2ND FL - Master Bath # / 1ST FL - Family Rm # / BSMT - Playroom # / YARD #)
BATH / SHOWER - Spout uncovered	Install padded cover	
BATH / SHOWER - Toiled not secured	Install means of keeping lid closed	
BATH / SHOWER - Inadequate fall protection	Install bath mat and/or grip bar	
CABINET & DRAWER - Contents dangerous	Remove hazardous items or install latches	
CHEMICAL HAZARD - Accessible cleaning supplies, medicines, sanitizer, toothpaste, etc.	Place all such items in a secure location	
CHEMICAL HAZARD - Old/deteriorating paint, pressure treated decking, garden hose (lead)	Block access to toxic substances; Seal surfaces if possible	
COOKING / KITCHEN EQUIPMENT - Accessible stove top, oven, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, ice maker, trash compactor	Block access to equipment OR secure using appropriate latch mechanism	
CRIB - Matress high - under 3/4 of child's height	Lower matress	
CRIB - Bumper unsafe (poor air flow, loose bows/ties, scalable)	Remove bumper; replace with breathable mesh-type or vertical bumpers	
CRIB - Hardware loose and/or matress/frame gap	Repair or replace crib as necessary	
CRIB - No teething protection	Cover relevant areas with teething pads	
CRIB - Hazardous items can be reached from inside (monitor or other cords, other objects)	Move all such items out of reach	
DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT - Machine not secure (washer/dryer, heater, exercise equipment, etc.)	Block access to the equipment	
DANGEROUS OBJECT TOO LOW - Sharp, breakable items, heavy items, eye hazards, etc.	Move all such items out of reach	
DOOR - Access not secured to house exterior, garage, porch, closet, unfinished area, stairs	Install latch high enough to prevent opening door OR remove/secure dangerous items	
DOOR - Stop unsafe (removable tip can be swallowed)	Replace with child-safe door stop	
DOOR - Finger/hand injury risk	Secure door from moving/latching except by adult	
ELECTRICAL - Outlets with items plugged in	Install covers OR remove/block/hide appliance plug	
ELECTRICAL - Outlets that are unoccupied, uncovered, damaged	Install covers or inserts OR repair as needed	
ELECTRICAL - Cord unsafe (strangulation risk, shock risk, object can be pulled down by cord)	Remove or secure cord	
FIRE SAFETY - Smoke or CO alarm not present / functioning where needed OR older than 10 years	Install where needed in hall and inside occupied bedrooms	
FIRE SAFETY - Hazardous chemical, vapor, ignition or electrical hazard (damaged cord or overburdened circuit)	Correct hazard; store chemicals safely away from ignition source	
FIRE SAFETY - Extinguisher not present	Install extinguisher of size and type appropriate to location	
FIRE SAFETY - Window won't open for fire exit	Repair/adjust window to ensure it can be opened for fire escape	
FIRE SAFETY - Fire ladder needed	Place ladder in easily accessible location for emergency use	
FIREARM - Not secure	Place in secure location; store ammunition separately	
FIREPLACE - Hearth uncovered	Block access or cushion	
FIREPLACE - Firebox accessible (heat, gas log materials, etc.)	Block access with gate, stationary screen, plexiglass or other barrier	
FIREPLACE - Hazardous items present (fire tools, gas valve key, etc.)	Remove items or block access to them	
FLOOR VENT - Able to be pulled up	Secure to floor	

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FURNITURE - Potentially unstable items (dressers, bookshelves, lamps, tables, pedestals, etc.)	Secure to wall or floor OR remove		
FURNITURE - Hazardous corners, edges	Cushion		
PET - Food accessible (choking, hygiene hazard)	Relocate to secure location OR block access		
PET - Litter box	Relocate to secure location OR block access		
PET - Access door a strangulation hazard or large enough to crawl through to unsafe area	Modify situation to make child-safe OR prevent access		
PLANTS - Accessible	Relocate plant or secure hazardous items in pot		
RAILING - Baluster spacing too wide, Scalable object too close, structurally unsound	Modify situation to correct issues; block open spaces; repair		
STAIRWAY - Not protected	Prevent access to area or install gate		
SUFFOCATION/CHOKING/STRANGULATION HAZARD - Dangling cord, unsafe gap between objects, plastic bag, small object	Remove hazardous items OR block access		
TRASH CAN - Accessible to child	Cover OR place in secure location		
WATER - Exceeds 120 degrees	Reduce temperature to 120 degrees		
WATER - Accessible hazard (pool, pond, stream, tub, other)	Block access to area; consider door/window alarm; lock doors		
WINDOW - Able to be opened to unsafe gap	Secure window from being opened too wide unless needed for fire exit		
WINDOW - Glass unsafe, blind cords, drapes	Block access; install cleats; cover window		
VEHICLE			
CAR SEAT - Not secured properly in car	Install referencing vehicle AND car seat owner's manuals for details		
CAR SEAT - Not configured properly for child	Install referencing car seat owner's manual for details		
YARD			
YARD HAZARD - Elevated fall location not protected (top of wall / slope / play structure)	Block access to area		
YARD HAZARD - Play equipment ground cover insufficient; hard surfaces nearby	Install adequate cushioning material		
YARD HAZARD - Play equipment structurally unsound / old / unsafe	Repair OR replace		
YARD HAZARD - Area not contained	Install adequate fencing and/or locking mechanism		
YARD HAZARD - No alarm on doors/windows leading to unsafe areas (pool, other water, etc.)	Install alarm(s) of type appropriate to location / situation		

## **Directions**

- 1) Review each area of your home.
- 2) While in each area, look for the hazards shown in the checklist.
- 3) If any of the listed hazards are present in an area, indicate the location and the number of such hazards observed there.

Examples: 2nd Fl, Guest Bedroom (6) / 1st Fl, Family Room (3) / Yard (1)

4) Determine how you will eliminate the hazards you located in each area. Typical solutions: a) remove the item from the area, b) relocate the item to a place within the area where a child cannot reach it, c) install a barrier or other safety measure to ensure child cannot get injured while interacting with the object.

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