Home Safety Checklist

_____ Keep matches and lighters out of reach

_____ Place safety latches on all doors and cabinets, especially where cleaning products and medicines are located

_____ Remove all small magnets from the refrigerator; small items can easily be lodged in a toddler’s throat

_____ Move all glassed items in the refrigerator to the higher shelves

_____ Use the back burners on the stove and turn all pot handles towards the back of the stove

_____ Lock all cabinets and drawers containing glass, knives, scissors, and other small objects

_____ Keep electrical cords that are connected to cooking appliances out of reach

_____ Keep containers that have hot drinks inside away from the edge of tables

_____ Do not place hot fluids on tablecloths in case the child pulls on the tablecloth

_____ Never hold or pass hot liquids over your child

_____ Dispose of any plastic grocery bags and dry cleaning bags immediately, these can cause suffocation

_____ Lock the kitchen door, or use a safety gate to prevent children going into the kitchen especially when no one is around

_____ Use a safe crib with a snug fitting mattress that cannot get pulled away from the corners. You should not be able to fit more than two fingers between the edge of the mattress and the crib

_____ Make sure the crib has no areas with gaps more than 2 inches so the child's head cannot get stuck

_____ If possible, don’t place the crib near or under a window. If the crib is placed near the window, ensure that all windows are securely latched or use a window guard. A toddler can climb out of the crib, and through the window

_____ Remove all drapery and blind cords from around the crib. These can lead to strangulation deaths

_____ Never lock a toddler into a room

_____ Make sure closets can be opened from the inside, so that your toddler doesn't get locked in

_____ Always check bath water temperature before putting a child in the tub

_____ Never leave your toddler in the bathtub alone, even for a short time. Toddlers can drown in as little as two inches of water
Don’t keep large buckets or containers of liquid around the house, children can fall head first into the container and not be able to get out.

Place a lock on all the toilets.

Lock up cabinets containing perfumes, make-up, and other similar bathroom items.

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