

## 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 in to 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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