

Home and Child Safety Checklist

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Avoid common home injuries by following these simple home safety tips. Use this home safety checklist to make your home as safe as possible.

Home and Child Safety Checklist		What You'll Need
	Use latches and locks on kitchen and bathroom cabinets.	Materials: Latches
	Place safety gates at stairs to prevent access.	Materials: Safety Gates
	Use doorknob covers and locks to prevent access to possibly dangerous areas.	
	Put up smoke detectors near bedrooms and on each level.	Tools: Smoke Detector
	Place a carbon monoxide detector near each bedroom.	Materials: Carbon Monoxide Detectors
	Install window guards to prevent falls.	Materials: Window Guards
	Use corner and edge bumpers on furniture.	Materials: Corner/Edge Cushions
	Use outlet covers to help prevent electric shock.	Materials: Outlet Covers
	Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) devices for receptacles.	Materials: GFCI Switch Plates
	Post emergency numbers on the refrigerator and by the telephones.	Tools: Smoke Detector
	Store matches and lighters in a safe place.	Materials: Storage Containers
	Store medicines in their original, childproof containers and out of reach of children.	
	Check range hood filter every few months for grease buildup.	Materials: Range Hood Filters
	Securely store household cleansers, detergents and pesticides.	Materials: Storage Containers
	Always cook on the back burners.	
	Attach antiskid tape to rugs.	
	Use a rubber mat in your bathtub to prevent slipping.	Materials: Tread Strips
	Keep plants, poisonous or otherwise, out of the reach of children.	
	Keep syrup of ipecac for use as directed in poisoning emergencies.	
	Install cordless window blinds.	Materials: Blind Cord Wraps
	Show all children in the house where fire extinguishers are located and how to use them.	Materials: Fire Extinguishers
	Check to see if the temperature on your water heater is set to 120 degrees.	
	Cover pools when not in use and fence with self-locking gates.	Materials: Self-Locking Gate
	Visit the EPA website for information about environmental concerns.	
	See if your home has been tested for radon gas levels or mold.	
	If your home was built before 1978, have a lead-paint inspection.	
	Change the air filters for your HVAC system every month.	Materials: Filters
	Test your fuel-burning appliances for carbon monoxide output, and review operation manual for safe use of ventless fire logs.	Materials: Carbon Monoxide Detectors