



# Home Safety Checklist

## General home safety

- Get down on the floor and look at what your child can see, look for anything unsafe
- Keep emergency phone numbers by each phone
- Working smoke alarms on every level
- Working carbon monoxide detectors on every level
- Electric outlet covers in place
- Cordless window covers or have cords tied up out of children's reach
- Windows and balcony doors secured
- Keep cleaning products out of reach and locked away
- Attach rugs firmly to the floor
- Remove furniture with sharp corners
- Keep handbags out of children's reach
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach and locked away
- Remove small toys or small objects that young children might swallow
- Secure bookcases to the wall
- Make sure that all windows are well fastened
- Keep window stops and guards on all windows

## Children's room safety

- Keep beds and cribs away from the wall
- Use a crib that meets safety standards
- Keep heavy blankets, pillows, stuffed animals or bumper pads out of cribs
- Keep nightlights away from bedding and curtains
- Store diaper changing products out of reach
- Make sure that toy chests have air holes and lids that can be opened from the inside

## Hallway and stairway safety

- Place safety gates at the top and bottom of the stairs
- Place night lights in hallways
- Make sure that stairway and hall rugs are firmly fastened down
- Remove clutter

### Bathroom safety

- Always supervise children in the bathroom
- Do not use glass drinking cups
- Test bathwater before child gets in
- Keep the lid of the toilet closed, use safety latches
- Use a non-skid mat in the bathtub
- Use only non-skid rugs on the floor
- Keep medicine and personal products out of children's reach
- Do not use toilet disinfectants that stay in the toilet
- Keep electric appliances unplugged and out of children's reach
- Keep sharp objects out of children's reach

### Other bedroom safety

- Anchor heavy furniture to the wall, especially dressers and chest of drawers
- Keep beds and furniture away from windows

### Kitchen safety

- Keep chairs, steps, and stools away from counters and stove
- Keep cleaning products, medicines, vitamins, knives, sharp objects, pet food, and garbage out of children's reach and locked away
- Stay with your child when they eat
- Cook food on the back burners of the stove and keep pot handles to the back
- Keep children away from hot oven doors and stove burners
- Use safety gates to block the kitchen door when needed

### Basement, garage, and utility room safety

- Have handrails on both sides of the basement stairway
- Set the hot water heater at no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit
- Secure all doors on freezers, dryers, washers, and other appliances
- Anchor shelving units to the wall
- Close and lock basement doors
- Store all power tools out of children's reach
- Keep any chemicals out of children's reach
- Keep garage door openers out of children's reach