



Parenting Tips: Safety in the Home

0-12 Months

Position your child's crib away from all drapery, electrical cords, and windows

Do not leave your children unattended

Utilize baby monitors

Never use an electric blanket in the bed or crib of a small child or infant

Purchase toys that are age appropriate and do not have sharp edges and long strings

Purchase clothes without buttons

Refrain from placing jewelry on your child

1-2 years old

Utilize baby gates and cabinet locks

Cover light plugs

Store cleaning products away from child's reach

Always use safety straps on high chairs, changing tables and strollers

Utilize safety gates around stair cases and to prevent child from entering other rooms

3-5 years old

Always monitor your child

Keep sharp objects away from a child's reach such as scissors and knives
Use back burners first when cooking and keep the pot handles faced in away from child's reach

Place a safety gate around the chimney and keep space heaters away from children

Utilize a chain door guards on the front and back doors

6-8 years old

Educate children to stay away from strangers
Educate children to inform parents when someone knocks at the door and not to open the door without parent approval

Talk to your child about calling 9-1-1 in cases of emergency

Educate children about fire safety and create an escape route

Keep lighters, candles, and matches out children's reach

9-12 years old

Monitor what your child views on the TV

Supervise your child's activities and usage of Internet

Educate your child where the extra household keys are located

Establish clear and concise house rules

Explain how to use household items such as micro wave and other electric appliances

13-17 years old

Educate teen not to allow anyone in the home without parent approval

Keep firearms in locked cabinets and away from teens

Utilize internet safety programs to monitor what your teen is viewing on the internet

Block inappropriate TV channels or programs

Store alcohol in locked cabinets away from teens