

Safe home 4 kids

Here are some simple things you can do to make your home a safer place for your baby or toddler as they begin to crawl, walk and explore.

Bath time

Always run the cold water first when running the bath and then add the hot water. Test the bathwater **BEFORE** putting baby in the bath.

NEVER leave your baby or toddler alone in the bath or in the care of another child. Let the phone ring or take baby with you.

In the bathroom, keep hair dryers and electric shavers stored safely away from water.

Kitchen smart

Make sure kitchen cords don't dangle over the kitchen bench. Use the back hot plates on the stove and turn pot handles around to the back, to stop pots being pulled down. Don't forget to keep knives in a safe place where kids can't reach them.

Don't hold baby on your lap with a hot drink on the table in front of you – put baby down on a play mat before you get a hot drink.

Safety gates

Put safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs to stop your baby from falling. You can also use them to stop baby crawling into the bathroom or kitchen, keeping them in safe play areas.

Get a safety switch and smoke detectors

Prevent electrocution and fires at home by putting smoke detectors outside each bedroom.

Never leave baby alone on a bed or surface where they could fall off.





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Keep your child safe. Make sure you know where they are at all times and that there is someone looking after them.

Roads and driveways

Get a fence to stop toddlers wandering on to the driveway or road. Remember toddlers love to run off – so make sure you're watching them at all times.

Poisons, medications and alcohol

Cleaning products, chemicals, poisons and medication need to be in a locked cupboard at least 1.5 metres off the ground. Also keep alcohol in a locked cupboard.

NSW Poisons Information Centre call: 131 126

Sheds and garages

Don't forget to check the shed and garage to make sure chemicals, garden sprays, paint tins and sharp equipment are out of reach.

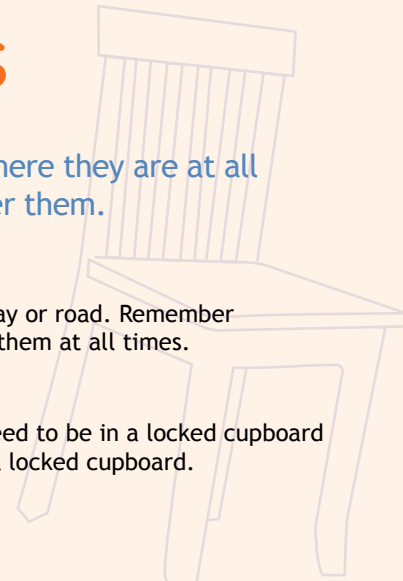
Windows

Keep furniture away from windows so kids can't climb up.

Keep blind and curtain cords out of reach so kids don't pull on these or choke. Use a peg or clip them up – don't let them dangle.

If you've got glass doors put colourful stickers or safety film on them so kids won't run into them.

Put anything toddler may break up high and out of reach.



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In an emergency dial 000 and ask for an ambulance.