

Child Safety Facts

INFANTS

Keep infants from getting hurt:

- Infants can roll or crawl off of high places.
- Infants can drown in only 6" of water.
- Infants can choke on small objects.
- Infants can hurt themselves if they are left alone.

Safety Rules:

- Support an infant in high places like a highchair, bed or table.
- Use safety belts in highchairs, car seats and strollers.
- Block off dangerous areas like steps or the garage.
- Keep small objects away from infants.
- Always use approved child seats when traveling.

TODDLERS

Keep toddlers from getting hurt:

- Toddlers can put things into electrical outlets.
- Toddlers may reach for hot pans on the stove.
- Toddlers may fall when going up and down stairs.
- Toddlers can open doors and cabinets to find chemicals or sharp objects.
- Toddlers can put small things into their mouths and choke.

Safety Rules:

- Keep electrical cords out of reach and use safety plugs in outlets.
- Keep sharp objects secure.
- Keep hot pan handles turned in on the stove.
- Watch toddlers on stairs.
- Use safety locks on doors, drawers and cabinets.
- Teach toddlers that chemicals are a "no-no."
- Always use an approved child seat when traveling.

PRESCHOOLERS

Keep preschoolers from getting hurt:

- Preschoolers can get trapped in small places.
- Preschoolers can wander away and become lost.
- Preschoolers may excite a dog and cause it to attack.
- Preschoolers may chase a toy into the street in front of a car.
- Preschoolers can get into cabinets and eat medicine.

Safety Precautions:

- Remove doors of unused refrigerators and stoves.
- Keep preschoolers away from strange animals or dogs.
- Watch a preschooler carefully when around water.
- Use safety locks on cabinets and doors.
- Teach preschoolers that cleaners and medicine are a "no-no."
- Always use safety belts when riding in a car.

Safety Situations

With your partner, discuss and write the best solution to the following situations

1. You have a one-year-old child who loves to open cupboard doors and pull out everything. How will you child proof your home to keep your one-year-old safe?

2. Your two-year-old can reach the front door handle. This leads to the front yard and the street. How will you make sure your two-year-old cannot get out of the door?

3. Your neighbor has invited you and your three-year-old for lunch. She is a nice person, but her house is not child proof. As you are watching your three-year-old, you notice a mouse trap. You also see a bottle of bleach within reach of your child. How can you make sure your child is safe while you are there?

4. Your four-year-old likes to put objects into small openings. For example he put a stick into the crack of a wall vent. What can you do in your home to keep him from putting objects in places where he could get hurt?

5. Your four-year-old likes to take medicine. She thinks it is candy. What can you do to keep her from eating colorful pills?
