

HOME SAFETY

Household injuries are one of the top reasons kids under age 3 visit the ER. Accidents include burns, furniture tip-overs, drowning, strangulations, poisonings, etc.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO MAKE SURE YOUR HOME IS SAFE.

- Get on your hands and knees and crawl around your home to see what the little one sees. When infants and toddlers start crawling and walking, they explore the environment at their level.
- Use brackets, braces or wall straps to secure unstable or top heavy furniture to the wall, so they cannot tip over (including televisions and bookcases).
- Keep bathroom and laundry room doors closed when not in use.
- Make sure beds and cribs are away from windows and heaters. Blind cords should be 6 inches or less, up high out of reach of children.
- All prescription and nonprescription medications, cosmetics, and cleaners should be stored in a locked cabinet.
- Purses and bags brought into your home by visitors are notorious dangers! They should be kept out of reach of children.
- Consider using "child proof" locks on cabinet doors and toilets.
- When cooking, use the back burners of the stove and turn pot handles towards the back of the stove.
- Don't leave irons and curling irons plugged in after use. Unplug and put away.
- Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the home.

