

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

KITCHEN/DINING ROOM

- you have a working fire extinguisher and know how to use it
- all knives and sharp utensils are stored out of reach of children
- matches or lighters are in a locked cabinet
- emergency numbers are posted near the phone, including poison control
- area rugs have a non-slip backing
- all plastic wrappings such as trash, produce, dry cleaning bags, and cling wrap are out of the reach of children
- a fully stocked first aid kit is in your home
- tablecloths that can be easily pulled down have been removed
- all cleaning supplies are locked up
- safety strap is always used for a child in a high chair
- childproof locks on all cabinets

LIVING ROOM

- all houseplants are non-poisonous
- safety screen in front of the fireplace
- furniture with sharp corners have safety corner guards
- anything fragile/breakable has been removed
- tall bookcases have been secured to the wall

BEDROOMS

- any guns are unloaded and both the gun and ammunition are locked up
- the cords for blinds do not hang in a loop and are not dangling low on the window
- all colognes, after-shaves and cosmetics are locked up
- toys with wheels, pom-poms, ribbons or buttons are not used in a crib or playpen
- drawers in chests are kept closed

BATHROOM

- childproof locks on all cabinets
- child resistant caps on all medications
- old medications have been properly disposed of
- toilet lid kept closed
- hair dryers/electric curlers are stored out of reach when not in use
- temperature on hot water heater does not exceed 120 degrees

FOYER/STAIRWAYS

- foyer and stairways are well lit
- every staircase has a sturdy handrail
- no clutter on stairways
- safety gates or doors to block access to stairs

PLAYROOM

- all playroom furniture is strong and secure
- all toys are checked regularly for small or broken parts

OUTSIDE AREAS/GARAGES/SHEDS

- sidewalks are clear of clutter, snow and ice
- tools, automotive parts and fluids, and gardening supplies are in a locked cabinet
- all harmful substances are in the original container
- shed is kept locked at all times
- chicken wire is placed around an above ground deck to prevent falls, and tables, chairs and toys children could climb on have been removed
- fenced yards have a child proof lock on the gate

OTHER CONCERNS

- windows or doors leading to a pool have an alarm
- fire escape plan has been prepared
- fire escape ladders have been used in practice
- storm safety plan has been prepared
- the children's swings, slides and other playthings are in good condition
- fuses and circuit breakers are labeled
- smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order
- flashlights/lanterns and a portable radio are handy for emergencies
- safety plugs in all electrical outlets
- vehicles are always locked
- purses are kept out of the reach of children