



INFANT AND TODDLER SAFETY CHECKLIST

Initial steps with a newborn

- Make sure the changing table has a belt
- Keep diapers and wipes near changing table so that the baby is never left unattended
- Be sure that the baby's crib is not close to window blind cords or light switches
- Remove the bumper pad if present, it is a suffocation risk
- Never leave a child alone with a pet
- Turn you hot water heater temperature down below 120 degrees F
- Make sure that you have working smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers
- Regularly check batteries in smoke detectors
- Have you car seat installation checked by the fire department to ensure correct installation. The safest place for the car seat is in the center or behind the driver.
- Make sure guns are locked up unloaded in a gun safe and that the ammunition is stored elsewhere out of reach
- Do not place any soft items in the crib or basinet upon which the baby could suffocate. Make sure that the crib mattress sheet is tight and secure. Never allow a baby to sleep on or with pillows.
- Always place the baby on his/her back to sleep
- Plan an escape route (especially from the upper level rooms) in case of fire

Preparation for crawling, scooting or log rolling

- Install cabinet locks
- Place outlet covers over all outlets
- Restrict access to stairs
- Store cleaning supplies and medicines in locked cabinets or out of the reach of children
- Have the Poison Control number readily accessible: 1-800-222-1222 or 513-558-5111
- Secure wires and electrical cords out of reach
- Check your window blind cords to be sure that there isn't a loop in the cord that a baby could accidentally strangle on
- Keep plants out of reach
- Keep plastic bags out of reach
- Remove the mobile over the crib

Preparation for walking and pulling up

- Secure furniture to the wall to prevent toppling when baby tries to pull up
- Cover sharp edges of tables, fireplaces etc.
- Look for choking hazards: Remember that any item or toy that fits into a toilet paper roll is too small for an infant or toddler.

- Make sure garden tools and power tools are stored out of reach
- Cover controls on dishwasher, stove, oven, TV, VCR, washer and dryer
- Move liquor out of reach of children
- Check windows to make sure that children cannot accidentally fall out when the window is open or screened
- Make sure children cannot pull heavy objects or hot liquids down by pulling on placemats or tablecloths
- Remember to turn in pot handles and keep sharp objects such as knives away from counter top edges
- Lower the crib mattress to the lowest level
- Never leave children unsupervised in the bathtub

Other steps as children become older and increasingly curious

- Keep power tools and garden tools out of reach
- Keep hardware items such as nails and tools out of reach
- Keep children from playing in the bathroom
- Empty buckets of water and play pools to prevent accidental drowning
- Make sure garden chemicals and car related products such as antifreeze are stored out of reach of children
- Consider door latches up high to prevent toddlers from going outside unnoticed
- Consider door stops to prevent children from shutting their fingers in doors
- Continue to be aware of choking hazards, especially from common household objects such as coins or pen caps