

Home Safety Checklist



HOME ENVIRONMENT

| | YES | NO |
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| Is there an electrical safety switch to prevent electric shock? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the hot water delivery temperature for your bathroom at a maximum of 50 ⁰ c? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have smoke alarms located between the sleeping areas and the rest of the house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are safety plugs fitted in unused power points? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you removed any potentially poisonous houseplants? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are electrical appliances, plugs and cords in good condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have long cords been bound with twist ties or extra cord hidden? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are heaters and fans guarded, and candles not left unattended? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are there barriers or gates on steps, stairs and changes in floor levels to prevent falls? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are railings free of footholds that children could climb? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is all top heavy or unstable furniture, such as bookcases, chests of drawers, televisions and TV cabinets secured to the wall to prevent them from tipping over if climbed on? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is your swimming pool or spa fully enclosed by a safety barrier with a self-closing, self-latching gate? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the ground around the house and gutters kept clear of material that burns? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a home fire escape plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



BATHROOM

| | YES | NO |
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| Are there non-slip mats or handrails in the bath? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are sharp objects, (eg razors), kept in a locked cupboard out of reach of children? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are hair dryers and electric razors unplugged when not in use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are medicines in a lockable cupboard? "Lock Up and Away" | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a lock on the toilet or bathroom door? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the bath water temperature always "tested" before putting the child in (start with cold, then hot, then finish with cold)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are shampoos, soaps and cosmetics out of reach of children? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



KITCHEN

YES NO

- Do electrical appliances have short cords that do not dangle over the edge of the bench? YES NO
- Is the kettle out of children's reach? YES NO
- Is the microwave positioned out of reach of children? YES NO
- Are back hot plates used first and are pot handles turned away from the edge to prevent pots being pulled from the stove? YES NO
- Are lighters, matches, knives and other dangerous objects stored in a place where a child cannot reach them? YES NO
- Are plastic bags out of reach or tied in the middle? YES NO
- Do you have latches on cupboard doors and pantries? YES NO
- Is the high chair stable & have a harness? YES NO
- Do you have a fire blanket or fire extinguisher ready to use in the event of a fire? YES NO
- Is there a barrier across the doorway to prevent child access to the kitchen? YES NO



LAUNDRY

YES NO

- Are cleaners, bleaches and detergents stored out of reach in a child resistant cupboard "Locked Up and Away"? YES NO
- Is the nappy bucket used with a lid on and kept out of reach of children? YES NO
- Are troughs and washing machines empty when not in use? YES NO
- Do appliances with lids switch off when machine is opened? YES NO
- Do you clean the lint filter of your dryer before every use? YES NO
- Is the floor kept dry and non-slippery? YES NO



CHILD'S BEDROOM

YES NO

- Is the cot away from the window? YES NO
- Are blind or curtain cords secured out of reach (not too near the cot)? YES NO
- Are the cot rails 50-95 mm apart? YES NO
- Is everything I need close to the changing table? YES NO
- Are the toys kept where children can reach them without climbing? YES NO
- Is furniture free of sharp corners? YES NO
- Are the toys suitable for the child's age (eg have strings and ribbons been cut from toys) YES NO
- Are electrical appliances and cords out of reach of young children? YES NO
- Do you check electric blankets* for wear prior to fitting them to bed? YES NO
- Is all top heavy and unstable furniture such as chests of drawers, secured to the wall to prevent them from tipping over if climbed on? YES NO

*Electric Blankets should not be used for infants & young children.



LIVING AREAS & DINING

YES NO

- Are sharp edges on tables and furniture covered? YES NO
- Are blind and curtain cords out of reach? YES NO
- Are glass doors protected by safety film, colourful stickers or made of safety glass? YES NO
- Is alcohol stored in a child resistant cupboard? YES NO
- Are toys stored in an area to allow free passage after use? YES NO
- Are rugs and mats secured to prevent a fall (eg non-slip backing)? YES NO
- Are chairs and tables difficult to overturn? YES NO
- Are cigarettes, ashtrays, matches and lighters out of reach? YES NO
- Are tablemats used instead of tablecloths? YES NO
- Are hot drinks placed well out of reach of children? YES NO
- Are there secured safety guards around fire places, fuel stoves and heaters? YES NO
- Are heaters kept away from curtains, furniture or other flammable material? YES NO
- Do your children only wear clothing that is made of low fire risk material or designed to reduce fire risk? YES NO



GARDEN SHED/OUTDOORS

YES NO

- Are pesticides, paints, chemicals and other poisons stored in tightly covered, labelled, original containers out of reach of children ("Lock Up and Away")? YES NO
- Are all garden tools locked away? YES NO
- Is the garden free of poisonous plants? YES NO
- Can the shed or garage be locked? YES NO
- Is the area free of drowning hazards? Eg ponds, pet water buckets YES NO
- Is the play area separate from the driveway? YES NO
- Is the play equipment stable and in good condition? (regular maintenance checks required) YES NO
- Is there a soft surface under play equipment to cushion falls? YES NO
- Are pathways clear to prevent tripping? YES NO
- Are branches pruned above eye level to avoid eye injury? YES NO
- Are garden statues and birdbaths cemented in to prevent a crushing hazard? YES NO
- Are electrical equipment, power points and light switches protected from the weather? YES NO
- Are all flammable liquids stored safely (as per the directions)? YES NO

**Consider making changes to items that received a NO response for a safer home!
If you are still unsure crawl around your home on your hands and knees to view
everything as your child would**

or

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