

Childproofing Your Home:

General Tips:

- Keep all medicines and chemicals out of reach of children
- Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in hallways and bedrooms on each level of house
- Keep a bottle of ipecac in the home in case of poison emergency. Use only after advice from poison control
- No safety measure can replace supervision. Watching your child is the most important thing you can do to keep your child safe and happy.

Baby's Room:

- Place crib away from window and curtain rods
- Keep baby powder out of reach
- Cover all electrical outlets
- Make sure crib is up to date with current regulations

Other Bedrooms:

- It is best to shut doors and keep other rooms off limits. Toys, shoes, pens, art supplies and other items are hazardous to your infant or toddler.
- Don't leave coins or other small objects in drawers that toddlers can find
- Keep guns unloaded, locked up and out of reach. Ammunition should be stored in a separate lock up.

Bathrooms:

- Also good to keep door closed
- Adjust water heater temperature so it does not exceed 120 degrees F.
- Install safety latches on all cabinet and drawers
- Keep razors, make-up, medicines and chemicals out of reach
- Safety latch for toilet to keep lid down

Kitchen:

- Install safety latches on all cabinets and drawers
- Store sharp objects and chemicals out of reach
- Install special safety latch for oven door
- Keep electrical cords for appliances out of reach
- When loading dishwasher remove silverware tray so children can not reach sharp objects

Family Room:

- Keep houseplants up high, out of reach
- Apply special edging strips to corners of coffee tables
- Be aware of things children can pull down onto themselves like televisions or stocking holders during Christmas
- Be sure fireplace has a barrier
- Install gates at the top and bottom of stairs
- Cover electrical outlets