



## CHILD SAFETY MEASURES

### Making your home child friendly

- Restrict access to the driveway and garage and install self-closing and child-proof doors or gates.
- Install safety gates at the top and bottom of all stairs.
- Remove poisonous plants as well as potting pebbles from your garden and home.
- Make sure that your hot water is below 50°C.
- Place stickers on your glass doors at your child's eye level so they do not walk into the doors.
- Cover unused power points with safety plugs and use power boards instead of double adapters.
- Check if your home is child safe by using the Kidsafe Queensland checklist (available online).

### Child-safe habits

- Supervise children at home, in public and near water.
- Ensure your children are "sun-smart" when going out – "slip, slap, slop, seek, slide"
- Use baby restraints, booster seat or seat belt when travelling in a car.
- Make sure your child wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter.
- Keep all sharp objects and small objects that can cause choking out of reach.
- Use the back burners of your stove for cooking where possible and turn handles away from the edge. Have a fire blanket handy.
- Only boil as much water as you need and make sure the kettle cord is out of reach.
- Make sure that the following items are locked away or out of your child's reach:
  - handbags and backpacks
  - medications and other substance that may be harmful to children
  - alcohol
  - ashtrays, cigarettes and lighters.
- Ensure that laundry tubs, buckets and washing machines are empty when not in use and that nappy buckets are closed securely.
- Always supervise children around animals at home (pets) such as dogs or be cautious about contact with wild animals such as bees, spiders, snakes, jellyfish.
- Familiar yourself with important numbers to get assistance. For example, 000, Poison Information Hotline 13 11 26
- Have a first aid kit at home and in your car. Gain knowledge on basic first aid.

### Child-safe products

- Ensure that all toys are not a choking hazard and are appropriate for your child's age
- Check that second hand nursery furniture meets Australian Safety Standards (available online).
- More information about child health and safety is available from the Children's health, parenting and pregnancy page on Queensland Government webpage.



### Questions:

1. How do you ensure your young children are safe around stairs?  
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2. How do you make your driveway and garage safe for your children?  
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3. Especially in summer time, what do you and your children need to do to be “sun smart”?  
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4. List 3 things that you need to keep away from children:  
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5. When you are buying toys for your children, what are the things you need to consider?  
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