



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 Victoria guide (www.kidsafevic.com.au)

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 your baby products and equipments meets Australian Safety Standards (<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/products/babies-kids>).



Questions:

1. How do you ensure your young children are safe around stairs?

2. How do you make your driveway and garage safe for your children?

3. Especially in summer time, what do you and your children need to do to be “sun smart”?

4. List 3 things that you need to keep away from children:

5. When you are buying toys for your children, what are the things you need to consider?
