



CHILD SAFETY MEASURES

Some measures to make your home child-safe:

- Prevent falls by using harness in strollers, installing gates at the top and bottom of stairs.
- Prevent drowning by installing safety fence around swimming pools.
- Prevent poisoning by storing chemicals and medicines in a locked cupboard preferable 1.5 meter above the ground.
- Prevent burns by making sure hot liquid is out of reach of children, fixing bathroom hot water below 50°C
- Prevent electrocution by covering unused power points with safety plugs and using safety switches.
- Prevent choking and suffocation by checking toys for loose items including batteries, securing blind/curtain cords at least 1.6 meter above the floor.
- Place stickers on your glass doors at your child's eye level so they do not walk into the doors.
- Check if your home is child safe by using the Kidsafe Tasmania and Kidsafe Australia guide.

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 equipment 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?
