



behind furniture and do not allow cords to become entangled. Cordless phones are ideal. Not only are they more convenient, but they allow parents to keep an eye on their children at all times.

If you have any electrical outlets that are not being used, use outlet covers or plugs to protect small children from electrocution. Safety gates are an effective tool to keep children in a particular space or out of another. Make sure the safety gate has the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) certification seal. It may be effective to have certain rooms that are not child proofed to be completely off limits to children.

Knob covers and door locks are another easy and inexpensive child-proofing technique that will keep children out of forbidden areas of the home or out of other dangerous areas like the garage or pool. Door stops and door holders can help prevent children's fingers from getting pinched. Latches for cabinets and drawers are excellent for keeping kids out.

### Precautions around windows & furniture

Everyone is in a hurry from time to time, but leaving drawers open can entice curious children. Kids love to climb and may try to use an open drawer as a stepping tool.

Install window guards and safety netting on windows, balconies, decks and landings to prevent falls. For blinds, install cord wind-ups that wind up the excess cords to prevent dangerous choking accidents.

Buy some corner and edge bumpers to prevent injuries, especially for toddlers just learning to walk. Use them on countertops, furniture, walls, and fireplaces to prevent injuries. Corner cushions are simple and inexpensive to install on furniture.

Building a home or remodeling? Ask the builder about installing countertops with rounded edges and ask about any other safety built-ins that may be helpful.

Check out your old furniture and appliances. Are they safe and in working order? When installing any new appliances or safety devices, make sure you read and follow the instructions carefully. Improper installation can cause harmful injuries to you and your family.

Do not allow children to play on recliners. Recliners can be fairly dangerous pieces of furniture that can cause pinched fingers and lacerations.



### Bathroom ABC's

When childproofing your bathroom, remember the A,B,C's. "A" is for appliances that should always be kept hidden in a drawer or cabinet. This may include items such as hair scissors, razors, or nail clippers. "B"

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