

Baby Safety Tips

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Safety In Cars

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New Baby Car Safety

Learn how to install and properly use infant and toddler seats. Your children should always be placed in age appropriate car seats.

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Installing A Car Seat

1. Read the manufacturer's instructions before installing the car seats. 2. Make sure the car seat is tight and secure. 3. Have the installation checked out by someone who knows about the proper installation of car seats. Convertible seats can have three sets of slots for the harness. When using the seat in a forward position, always use the highest slots. If the seat is in a rear-facing position, the harness should come out of the center or lowest slots.

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Using Your Child Safety Seat

Children under 12 should always sit in the back seat. This is the safest place for them. Infants must be in a rear-facing seat until they are at least 1 years old and weigh at least 20 pounds. Toddlers must be in a forward-facing seat until they are 4 years old or 40 pounds. Thereafter, they should sit in a booster seat until they are about 8 years old.

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Cell Phone Safety

If you have to make an important call with your cell phone while driving, use a hands-free set.

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While Driving

Leave the multi-tasking for when you are on solid ground, not while driving.

Child Proofing

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Eliminate Potentially Hazardous Situations Your Child Might Encounter

When little ones creep, climb, toddle and scamper through the house, accidents are inevitable. You can take a few preventative steps to minimize potential dangers to small children in your home. For example, where your baby sleeps can be dangerous. Babies spend a lot of unsupervised time in their cribs. A baby should be placed on his or her back. Make sure the mattress fits snugly. The space between the crib and mattress should be no more than two fingers wide. Make sure the slats are no more than $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches apart.

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Sleeping Safety

Only let your baby sleep on areas that you've already childproofed. Never leave an infant unattended on a waterbed or beanbag; they can suffocate because they can't lift their heads.

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Water Heater Safety

Turn down your water heater down so your tap water can get no hotter than 120 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition, always test water before bathing your baby or giving them something to drink.

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Bathing Safety

Test water before putting the baby in bath.

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Furniture Safety

Keep cabinet doors and drawer's fastened with pressure-release latches.

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Kitchen Safety

Keep and store unsafe items away from the edges of tables and counters including knives, hot liquids and uncooked food.

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Cleasers And Poison Safety

Store cleaners and toxic chemicals away from your child's reach. Add a small bottle of Ipecac to your first aid supplies. Make sure the poison control center telephone number is on your easy to find emergency list. Call that number first if your child swallows a poison, they may instruct you to use Ipecac to induce vomiting.

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Electrical Safety

Cover outlets with safety caps.

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Pick up objects that are tiny enough to fit in a baby's mouth.

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Window Safety

Beware of windows that open from the top down. Babies may be able to open these and fall out. Mini blind and curtain cords should be kept out of your child's reach.

Teach Your Child Safety

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Safety Indoors

Never locate your baby's crib next to a window that could break or under anything that may fall and injure your baby.

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Earthquake Safety

Be aware of earthquake safety. If your children are in a car when an earthquake hits, they should stay inside. If they are indoors during an earthquake, they should get under a desk or table to avoid falling objects.

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Earthquake Safety

Since it's easier to make out of state calls once an earthquake has hit, pick one friend or relative who lives out of state and make sure all family members or their caretakers have that person's phone number so everyone can communicate their whereabouts and health.

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Firearm Safety

Teach your children about the dangers of playing with guns. If you own a firearm, please be responsible and keep it in a locked safe away from curious toddlers.

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Safety Outdoors

Insist that your child wear a bicycle helmet. A bicycle helmet is the most important safety equipment of a bicyclist. Also, insist that your child follow all bicycle safety rules.

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Safety Outdoors

Never leave your child unattended near water, even if it is only for a second to answer the phone or the door. Children can drown in as little as two inches of water.

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Safety Outdoors

Locked doors, fences, latched gates and pool covers also help to restrict small children from wandering near water.

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Safety Outdoors

Teach your children what to do when caught outside in a storm. Make sure they know to seek shelter and stay away from tall trees and poles when lightning is striking.

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Safety From Strangers

Ask your Farmers agent for a Child ID Kit and use it so you can have a permanent record of your child's fingerprints.

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Safety From Strangers

Make certain that your children know their full name and your full name, as well as your complete phone number and address.

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Safety From Strangers

Teach your children to stay away from strangers, especially if they are offering candy or a lift in their car.

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Safety From Strangers

Teach your children how to use the phone, including how to call the police.

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Safety From Strangers

Select neighbors who your children can run to if they feel threatened and you're not home. Also, teach your children to practice the buddy system and always go out in groups or pairs.

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Fire Safety

To help you ensure that your family gets enough warning in the event of an actual house fire, you should install and regularly test your smoke detectors.

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Fire Safety

Remember, lethal smoke can fill a house quickly so you should teach your children how to escape a house fire rather than fighting it. Make sure that you teach them two escape routes out and practice them every six months. Stress to your children that hiding during a fire is the worst thing they can do.

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Fire Safety

A big cause of house fires is candles. So never leave candles unattended.