



Home Safety Checklist for Small Children

How safe are your small children at home? Use this checklist to see! (Yes = Safe No=Unsafe)

General Safety	Safe	Unsafe
Does your house have a carbon dioxide detector?		
Are the exits from your house clear of hazards?		
Are all space heaters, kerosene stoves, wood-burning stoves or electric fans in safe condition and away from your child?		
Are all plants kept out of reach?		
Are all unused electrical outlets covered? Are all electrical cords in good condition and beyond reach?		
Do you have a working smoke detector? Do you test the batteries twice a year?		
Do you have the Poison Control Center phone number by your phone?		
Are matches, cigarettes and lighters kept out of reach?		
If there are toddlers in the home, are all stairways protected by safety gates at top and bottom?		
Are there handrails along the staircase?		
Are all plastic coverings and bags kept out of reach?		
Do you have a plan for getting out of your house during a fire? Have you practiced your plan?		
Do you have a working fire extinguisher? Do you know how to use it?		
If you have firearms, are they stored unloaded and locked?		

Child's Room	Safe	Unsafe
Does the crib mattress fit so there is no more than two fingers' distance between the crib and the mattress?		
Is extra padding, comforters, pillows or stuffed toys eliminated from the crib or play pen ?		
Are the slats on the crib 2 3/8 inches or less apart?		
Is the crib far enough away from a window, curtains, blinds or cords?		
Are screens secure on windows?		
Do you keep small objects, such as safety pins, buttons and scissors out of reach?		
Do you avoid hanging toys across the crib or on crib posts?		
Do you buy only children's flame-resistant sleepwear?		
If your child sleeps in a "big" bed, do you have guardrails on <u>both</u> sides?		

Kitchen	Safe	Unsafe
Are hot foods and/or hot liquids kept out of reach?		
Are cleaning supplies/household products kept in original containers?		
Are cleaning supplies kept out of reach or locked?		
Are foods stored separately from cleaning supplies?		
Are all knives and sharp objects kept out of reach?		
Are electric appliance cords out of reach?		

Bathroom	Safe	Unsafe
Are all medicines and vitamins properly capped with "child-proof" caps and kept out of reach or locked?		
Are all perfumes, shaving creme and cosmetics stored out of reach?		
Is your home's hot water heater temperature adjusted to 120 F or below?		
Is your child always attended to while being bathed?		
Do you have a first aid kit?		

For more information, contact Guilford County Department of Public Health at 336-641-7777 or www.myguilford.com