

BATHROOM



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Through the eyes of a child...

Shiny gadgets and trinkets
everywhere peak my curiosity.



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A SMALL SPACE –SO MUCH TO CHECK OUT

The bathroom is the number one place injuries occur in the household. Each year in the United States, over 23,000 children ages 4 and under are injured in bathroom-related accidents. Like other areas of your house, the bathroom must be child proofed.

THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD:

- I am curious and often fascinated with water. I do not understand its danger.
- I want to be like you. I want to use a curling iron to curl my hair. I want to use a razor to shave.

POINTS FOR PARENTS TO REMEMBER:

- Children can topple into a toilet and drown.
- Keep bathroom doors closed.

BATHROOM SAFETY CHECKLIST

Preventing Drowning: Children can drown in just a couple inches of water

- Always supervise children in the tub.
- Empty tub of water immediately after bathing.
- Keep toilet closed and place a lock on toilet seat.

Preventing Burns:

- Set hot water heater temperature below 120 degrees.
- Never place child in the tub while the water is still running, and don't allow children to touch the faucet.

Preventing Falls:

- Place non-skid mats inside tub, dry the floor after bathing.
- Teach your child not to run in the bathroom.
- Encourage children to sit in the tub, not stand.

Preventing Poisoning:

- Store all medications in a locked cabinet. Keep all medications in original containers with child proof lids.

Preventing Other Injuries:

- Keep electric appliances (hair dryer, curling iron, radio) unplugged and away from the tub and children.
- Keep razors, scissors, tweezers, mouthwash, perfumes, hair sprays, nail polishes, nail polish removers, and cleaning supplies in locked drawers or cabinets.
- Check that outlets have ground fault circuit interrupters and always use outlet covers.

SUGGESTED SAFETY PRODUCTS:

- Outlet Covers
- Toilet Lock
- Edge and Corner Bumpers
- Drawer and Cabinet Locks
- Doorknob Covers
- Spout Guard
- Non-Skid Bath Mats and Decals

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