



SAFE HOME

[ SANFORD CHILDREN'S SAFETY CENTER ]

# 10 SAFETY HAZARDS FOR CHILDREN IN THE HOME

Children have curious minds to learn and they learn by seeing, listening, touching, smelling and tasting. Through this learning, children have no sense of danger; which is why safety is so important.

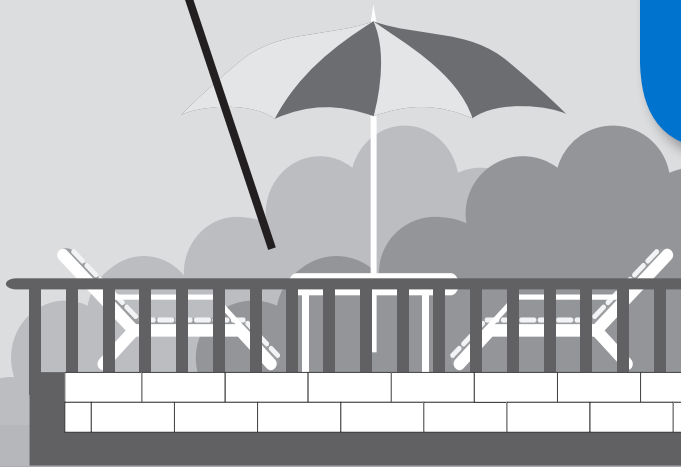


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Children's

Through the eyes of a child, my home is a vast playground with many toys to discover.

## BATHTUBS, POOLS AND HOT TUBS

Through the eyes of a child, water is a fascinating toy and I do not understand the potential dangers.



## SAFE SLEEP

Through the eyes of a child, I just need me and my dreams; no bumper pads, stuffed animals or blankets.



## HOT POTS AND PANS

Through the eyes of a child, I enjoy imitating adults and I'm very curious about this room of noises and toys.



## TV/FURNITURE TIP OVERS

Through the eyes of a child, this looks like a good ladder to get what I want, so climb I must.



## RECALLED PRODUCTS

Through the eyes of a child, keep my home safe.

## BURNS

Through the eyes of a child, shiny gadgets and trinkets peak my curiosity; I want to touch it.

## CAR SEAT

Through the eyes of a child, I want to ride safe when I'm on the road.

## MAGNETS AND BUTTON BATTERIES

Through the eyes of a child, these items look shiny & interesting, so in my mouth it goes.

## POISONING

Through the eyes of a child, dangerous items look like candy or juice and I want to try it.

## SMOKE ALARM AND CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARM

Through the eyes of a child, I want my family safe from hidden dangers.

## 1. BATHTUBS, POOLS AND HOT TUBS:

### BATHTUB

- ☐ Never leave a child unattended in the bathtub.
- ☐ Keep your hot water heater set below 120°F to prevent scalding.
- ☐ Use a spout cover.

### POOLS AND HOT TUBS

- ☐ Never leave a child unattended around water.
- ☐ Have a cover and childproof fence to keep children out of these areas, unless an adult is present.
- ☐ Suction from a drain can trap a person underwater, inspect for missing or broken drain covers.

## 2. SAFE SLEEP:

- ☐ Bed sharing can be dangerous. Rather than putting your baby in bed with you, place your baby's crib or bassinet in your room.
- ☐ Back to sleep. Put your child on his back when sleeping.
- ☐ Keep the crib free of stuffed animals, blankets, bumper pads and positioning wedges.
- ☐ Make sure crib slats are no more than 2 3/8 inches apart.
- ☐ Have a firm and flat mattress with a fitted sheet.
- ☐ Keep crib away from windows.

## 3. BURNS:

- ☐ Keep the shiny objects such as hair straighteners and curling irons out of reach.

## 4. MAGNETS AND BUTTON BATTERIES:

- ☐ Keep these items out of reach of children and pets.
- ☐ Seek medical attention immediately if you think a magnet or button battery has been swallowed.

## 5. POISONING:

- ☐ Keep all household products, medications, bathroom hygiene products, paint, lawn care products, along with some plants out of reach of children and pets.

## 6. SMOKE ALARM AND CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARM:

- ☐ Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas and inside each bedroom.
- ☐ Have working CO alarms on each level of the home and outside sleeping areas.
  - CO alarms are not required in attics or basements unless they include a sleeping area.
- ☐ Replace batteries in your alarms annually.
- ☐ Test every alarm monthly.

## 7. HOT POTS AND PANS:

- ☐ Use the back of the stove to cook and keep pot and pan handles towards the back of the stove.

## 8. TV/FURNITURE TIP OVERS:

- ☐ Make sure your furniture and TVs are stable by anchoring to the wall.

## 9. CAR SEAT:

- ☐ Get your child's car seat checked for proper installation.
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Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  - Don't live in Sioux Falls, SD? Find a location at [safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm](http://safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm)

## 10. RECALLED PRODUCTS:

- ☐ Receive recall emails by signing up for Sanford's Parenting eSource.
  - Go to [sanfordhealth.org](http://sanfordhealth.org); keyword Parenting eSource



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