

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

KITCHEN/DINING ROOM

- _____ you have a working fire extinguisher and know how to use it
- _____ all knives and sharp utensils are stored out of reach of children
- _____ matches or lighters are in a locked cabinet
- _____ emergency numbers are posted near the phone, including poison control
- _____ area rugs have a non-slip backing
- _____ all plastic wrappings such as trash, produce, dry cleaning bags, and cling wrap are out of the reach of children
- _____ a fully stocked first aid kit is in your home
- _____ tablecloths that can be easily pulled down have been removed
- _____ all cleaning supplies are locked up
- _____ safety strap is always used for a child in a high chair
- _____ childproof locks on all cabinets

LIVING ROOM

- _____ all houseplants are non-poisonous
- _____ safety screen in front of the fireplace
- _____ furniture with sharp corners have safety corner guards
- _____ anything fragile/breakable has been removed
- _____ tall bookcases have been secured to the wall

BEDROOMS

- _____ any guns are unloaded and both the gun and ammunition are locked up
- _____ the cords for blinds do not hang in a loop and are not dangling low on the window
- _____ all colognes, after-shaves and cosmetics are locked up
- _____ toys with wheels, pom-poms, ribbons or buttons are not used in a crib or playpen
- _____ drawers in chests are kept closed

BATHROOM

- _____ childproof locks on all cabinets
- _____ child resistant caps on all medications
- _____ old medications have been properly disposed of
- _____ toilet lid kept closed
- _____ hair dryers/electric curlers are stored out of reach when not in use
- _____ temperature on hot water heater does not exceed 120 degrees

FOYER/STAIRWAYS

- _____ foyer and stairways are well lit
- _____ every staircase has a sturdy handrail
- _____ no clutter on stairways
- _____ safety gates or doors to block access to stairs

PLAYROOM

- _____ all playroom furniture is strong and secure
- _____ all toys are checked regularly for small or broken parts

OUTSIDE AREAS/GARAGES/SHEDS

- _____ sidewalks are clear of clutter, snow and ice
- _____ tools, automotive parts and fluids, and gardening supplies are in a locked cabinet
- _____ all harmful substances are in the original container
- _____ shed is kept locked at all times
- _____ chicken wire is placed around an above ground deck to prevent falls, and tables, chairs and toys children could climb on have been removed
- _____ fenced yards have a child proof lock on the gate

OTHER CONCERNS

- _____ windows or doors leading to a pool have an alarm
- _____ fire escape plan has been prepared
- _____ fire escape ladders have been used in practice
- _____ storm safety plan has been prepared
- _____ the children's swings, slides and other playthings are in good condition
- _____ fuses and circuit breakers are labeled
- _____ smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order
- _____ flashlights/lanterns and a portable radio are handy for emergencies
- _____ safety plugs in all electrical outlets
- _____ vehicles are always locked
- _____ purses are kept out of the reach of children