

CHILDPROOFING 101

Your little ones are probably as crafty as a magician. Before you know it, they've maneuvered themselves into off-limits places or their tiny hands are clutching items that you're sure were out of their reach. That's why **childproofing** is so important, and we've got some tips to help you keep your kids safe and sound.



More than **22,000 children** were taken to the ER for suffocation injuries.



On average, **22,000 children** are injured in TV/furniture tip-overs.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2013 alone (the last year that The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released statistics regarding child safety) the following occurred:



More than **2.5 million children** were hospitalized for falls.



There were **2,759 cases of children** swallowing button batteries.



188,400 children under age 15 were taken to the hospital for toy-related injuries.

Safeguard Your Child – A Checklist



Preventing Suffocation/Choking

- Remove soft bedding/pillows from your child's crib
- Use cordless window coverings when possible
- Keep items like jewelry, plastic bags and button batteries out of reach



Preventing Falls

- Open double-hung windows from the top only
- Low windows shouldn't be opened more than 4 inches
- Install window guards and safety netting



Preventing Toy-Related Injuries

- Keep latex balloons and toys with small parts out of reach
- Choose electronic toys that require a screwdriver to access the battery compartment
- Follow all manufacturer's instructions



Preventing Furniture Tip-Overs

- Bolt all heavy furniture to the wall
- Keep dresser drawers closed
- Push TVs back from the edge of furniture

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