

Home Safe with Young children

Quarantining with young children at home can be challenging. Check off these simple safety steps.

- Baby Safety:** I always place my baby to sleep on his/her back to sleep in a crib, bassinet or play yard that meets current standards with a fitted sheet only. Bare is Best!
- Inclined Sleepers:** I am following CPSC's recommendation to stop using inclined sleepers. I have checked www.cpsc.gov/cribs for inclined sleeper recalls.
- Anchor It:** My furniture is anchored to the wall to prevent injuries or death from tipping TVs, dressers, bookcases and other furniture/appliances.
- Window Coverings:** I have replaced corded window coverings with cordless blinds. If I cannot replace window coverings, I am making sure all window cords are secured out of the reach of children and eliminating any dangling cords.
- Magnets:** I have stored high-powered magnet sets away from children. Swallowed magnets can stick together across intestines causing serious lifelong health effects or death.
- Drowning Prevention:** I never leave young children alone, even for a moment, near any water. That includes bathtubs, bath seats, buckets, decorative ponds or fountains. I have installed multiple layers of protection to prevent pool/spa drownings, including: minimum four-foot fence around entire perimeter of the pool; pool/spa cover; door and pool alarms; and self-latching, self-closing gates on the fence.
- Laundry and Cleaning Products:** My laundry and cleaning products are stored in their original containers, locked up and away from children.

Prevent Infant Suffocation: Bare is Best! Always place baby on his/her back in a crib with a firm, tight-fitting mattress. Do not put pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskins, pillow-like bumpers or stuffed toys in the crib. Use only a fitted bottom sheet specifically made for crib use. www.CPSC.gov/cribs

Inclined Sleeper Recalls: Do NOT use inclined sleepers. CPSC has recalled millions of inclined sleepers and urges consumers to take advantage of the remedies. See www.CPSC.gov/cribs

Prevent Furniture/TV Tip-Overs: Unsecured and unstable TVs, furniture and appliances are a hidden hazard in your home. Parents and caregivers should inspect and secure them to protect young children from injuries or death. www.AnchorIt.gov

Prevent Window Covering Entrapment: All shades and blinds in homes should be examined for accessible cords on the front, side and back and replaced with cordless window products. Go cordless! If you cannot replace window coverings, make sure window cords are secured out of the reach of children and eliminate any dangling cords.

Prevent Serious Intestinal Injuries, or Even Death: Small high-powered magnets can cause death or serious lifelong health effects. When two or more high-powered magnets are swallowed, they can link together inside a child's intestines and clamp onto body tissues, causing intestinal obstructions, perforations, sepsis and death. Keep high-powered magnet sets away from children.

Prevent Drownings: Young children can drown quickly in even small amounts of water. Keep a young child within arm's reach in a bathtub. If you must leave, take the child with you. Don't leave a young child in a bathtub under the care of another young child. Never leave a bucket with even a small amount of liquid unattended. Toddlers can fall headfirst into buckets and drown. Drowning related to pools and spas is the leading cause of unintentional death in young children. Layers of protection are so important – you never know which safety step will save a life until it does. www.PoolSafely.gov

Prevent Poisonings from Cleaning Products and Laundry Packets: Did you know in 2018, more than 70,900 children were seen in the ER due to unintended pediatric poisoning? More than 85% of these incidents occurred in the home and most often with these five products: blood pressure medications, acetaminophen, bleach, ibuprofen, and laundry packets. Make sure you keep household cleaning products and laundry packets in their original containers and in cabinets with child safety latches or locks. Never transfer these products to a different bottle without a child-resistant closure and a label. Children and others can mistake them and drink or eat the contents. Put the Poison Control Center's hotline (800-222-1222) in your cell phone.

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