



Home safety checklist

Children’s Wisconsin Safety Center has many resources to help keep kids safe and healthy. This home safety checklist is a place to get started with things to think about to keep kids safe at home. Many additional resources are provided in links. Visit childrenswi.org/safetycenter for more information.

- Overall emergency planning** Create emergency action plans, and make sure everyone in your family knows how to respond to different types of emergencies. Get our family safety planning sheet.
- Home fire safety** Have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home, and check them monthly. Get our room-by-room fire prevention checklist. Also, home heating safety.
- Home cooking safety** Cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires. Teach kitchen and cooking safety to kids and teens.
- Fall safety** Falls are the No.1 reason for injury in the home. Keep doors and stairs clear to avoid trips and falls. Keep cords and other tripping hazards out of sight.
- Medication safety** Place medications, vitamins, cleaning products and other poisons in a locked, high cabinet. Visit the Wisconsin Poison Center for more poison prevention information.
- Water safety** Supervise children at all times around water, including buckets, bathtubs and pools. Learn more about swimming and water safety.
- Toy safety** Check toys and other electronics for button batteries and magnets, and keep them out of reach of young children and pets.
- Furniture safety** Secure dressers, TVs and other furniture to the wall to avoid tipping over.
- Firearm safety** Make sure firearms are stored in a locked gun safe and separate from ammunition.