



LIVING AREAS

Tick boxes to make sure all areas are safe

- Are blind and curtain cords secured up high and out of reach?
- Are glass doors made of safety glass, and do they have stickers on them so they can be seen?
- Are bookcases, TVs and cabinets secured to the wall to prevent them from tipping onto children?
- Are your smoke alarms working?
- Are matches and lighters out of sight and reach?
- Are there safety guards around fire places and heaters?

- Are heaters placed a metre away from curtains, furniture or other flammable material?
- Are button battery-controlled devices out of sight and reach, and loose batteries locked away?
- Do internal doors have door stops and guards to stop them slamming shut on fingers?
- Are there safety gates on steps and stairs to prevent toddlers falling?



BEDROOM

- Does the baby sleep in their own baby bed?
- Are blind cords away from the cot and out of reach of children?
- Do you have window stays on windows children can reach?
- Are your smoke alarms working?
- Is baby's bed safe – with a firm, flat mattress in good condition and no pillows, toys, duvet or bumper pads?



KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

- Are hot drinks and soups in the middle of the table?
- Are kettles and microwaves (including cords) out of reach?
- When cooking, do you use the back hot plates and turn pot handles so they are out of reach?
- Are lighters, matches and knives stored in a lockable drawer?
- Do you use non slip placemats instead of a table cloth which baby can pull and spill hot drinks?
- Are bleaches, detergents and cleaning products stored out of reach, in a lockable cupboard?



BATHROOM

- Is the hot water temperature set at a maximum of 50°C from the tap?
- Do you run the cold water in the bath first?
- Do you stay in the bathroom while baby is in the bath?
- Are medicines and cleaning chemicals stored in a locked cupboard?



OUTDOORS

- Is the trampoline in good condition? (Regular maintenance checks required).
- Are buckets and paddling pools emptied after use?
- If you have a swimming pool, is it surrounded by a 1.2m high fence on four sides, with a self-latching gate?
- Is there a fenced play area, separated from the driveway?

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