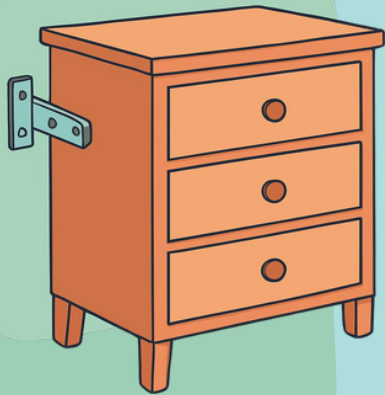
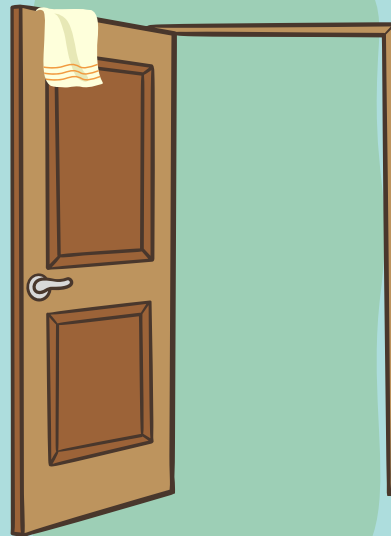


# Keeping Tamariki Safe from Mechanical Forces

understanding injuries from objects



Unsecured furniture can fall on & crush tamariki. Secure furniture to prevent tip-overs.



Little fingers can get hurt in doors. Place a tea towel over the top of the door.



Tamariki can walk into glass doors or windows. Add stickers at their eye level to help prevent injury.



Knives and sharp tools can cause serious injuries. Lock away sharp and dangerous items.

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## Furniture:

- Firmly mount TVs to a wall or stable furniture that can hold the weight. Older models should be placed on low, stable furniture and secured for extra stability.
- Use brackets, braces or wall straps to secure top-heavy furniture like dressers, tallboys, bookcases and mirrors. Add stops to drawers to prevent them being fully pulled out.
- Rearrange drawers and shelves so heavy items are stored lower down.
- If you have young children, use drawer locks to stop them being opened and climbed on.
- Store heavy items lower in bookcases, shelves or wardrobes.
- Avoid placing tempting items like toys or food on top shelves so children aren't encouraged to climb.

## Kitchen:

- Store knives, forks, scissors, and other sharp utensils in a locked drawer.
- Keep glassware stored up high and out of reach.
- Store appliances with sharp blades, like blenders and food processors, in locked cabinets.
- Keep babies and toddlers a safe distance away when unloading dishwashers so they can't grab sharp items or glassware.
- Talk with young children about kitchen dangers and keep unsafe items out of reach when not in use.

## Around the house:

- Use safety glass in windows and doors, or add stickers to make glass visible.
- Check for and remove sharp or pointed objects in the home and play areas.
- Operate ride-on mowers well away from children and do not allow them to ride on this equipment.
- Always actively supervise children around garden tools and equipment.
- Hang a tea towel over the tops of doors to help keep them ajar and prevent injuries.