

## Home Safety Checklist



### HOME ENVIRONMENT

	YES	NO
Is there an electrical safety switch to prevent electric shock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the hot water delivery temperature for your bathroom at a maximum of 50 <sup>0</sup> c?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have smoke alarms located between the sleeping areas and the rest of the house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are safety plugs fitted in unused power points?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you removed any potentially poisonous houseplants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are electrical appliances, plugs and cords in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have long cords been bound with twist ties or extra cord hidden?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are heaters and fans guarded, and candles not left unattended?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there barriers or gates on steps, stairs and changes in floor levels to prevent falls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are railings free of footholds that children could climb?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is all top heavy furniture such as bookcases, tall-boy drawers, televisions and tv cabinets secured to the wall to prevent them from tipping over if climbed on?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your swimming pool or spa fully enclosed by a safety fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the ground around the house and gutters kept clear of material that burns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a home fire escape plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### BATHROOM

	YES	NO
Does the bath have non-slip mats or handrails?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are medicines and sharp objects, (eg razors), kept in a locked cupboard out of reach of children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are hair dryers and electric razors unplugged when not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are medicines in a lockable cupboard? "Lock Up and Away"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a childproof lock on toilet or bathroom door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the bath water temperature always "tested" before putting the child in (start with cold, then hot, then finish with cold)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the shampoos, soaps and cosmetics out of reach of children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## KITCHEN

Do your electrical appliances have short cords that do not dangle over the bench?

YES NO

Is the kettle out of children's reach?

Is the microwave positioned out of reach of children?

Do you use the back hot plates and turn pot handles around to prevent pots being pulled from the hot plates?

Are lighters, matches, knives and other dangerous objects stored in a place where a child cannot reach them?

Are plastic bags out of reach or tied in the middle?

Do you have locks on cupboard doors and pantries?

Is the high chair stable?

Do you have a fire blanket or fire extinguisher ready to use in the event of a fire?

Is there a barrier across the doorway to prevent your child's access to the kitchen?



## LAUNDRY

YES NO

Are cleaners, bleaches and detergents stored out of reach in a child resistant cupboard "Locked Up and Away"?

Is the nappy bucket used with a lid on and kept out of reach of children?

Are troughs and washing machines empty when not in use?

Do appliances with lids switch off when machine is opened?

Do you clean the lint filter of your dryer before every use?

Is the floor kept dry and non-slippery?



## CHILD'S BEDROOM

YES NO

Is the cot away from the window?

Are curtain cords secured out of reach (not too near the cot)?

Are the cot rails 50-85 mm apart?

Is everything I need close to the changing table?

Are the toys kept where children can reach them without climbing?

Is the furniture free of sharp corners?

Are the toys suitable for the child's age (eg have strings and ribbons been cut from toys)

Are electrical appliances and cords out of reach of young children?

Do you check your electric blankets for wear prior to fitting them to your bed?

Is all top heavy furniture such as bookcases and tall-boy drawers, secured to the wall to prevent them from tipping over if climbed on?



## LIVING AREAS

	YES	NO
Are sharp edges on tables and furniture covered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are blind and curtain cords out of reach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are glass doors protected by safety film, colourful stickers or made of safety glass?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is alcohol stored in a child resistant cupboard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are toys stored in an area to allow free passage after use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are rugs and mats secured to prevent a fall (eg non-slip backing)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are chairs and tables difficult to overturn?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are cigarettes, ashtrays, matches and lighters out of reach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are tablemats used instead of tablecloths?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are hot drinks placed well out of reach of child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there safety guards attached to the wall around fire places, fuel stoves and heaters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are heaters kept away from curtains, furniture or other flammable material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do your children only wear clothing that is made of low fire risk material or designed to reduce fire risk?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## GARDEN SHED/OUTDOORS

	YES	NO
Are pesticides, paints, chemicals and other poisons stored in tightly covered, labelled, original containers out of reach of children (“Lock Up and Away”)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all garden tools locked away?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the garden free of poisonous plants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can the shed or garage be locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the area free of drowning hazards? Eg ponds, pet water buckets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the play area separate from the driveway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the play equipment stable and in good condition? (regular maintenance checks required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a soft surface under play equipment to cushion falls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are pathways clear to prevent tripping?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are branches pruned above eye level to avoid eye injury?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are garden statues and birdbaths cemented in to prevent a crushing hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are electrical equipment, power points and light switches protected from the weather?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all Flammable liquids stored safely (as per their directions)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Consider making changes to items that received a NO response for a safer home!  
If you are still unsure crawl around your home on your hands and knees to view everything  
as your child would!**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

*If you have any questions, call Kidsafe WA on 9340 8509  
between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday, or visit the Kidsafe WA Safety House  
(Godfrey House, Princess Margaret Hospital, Thomas Street, Subiaco)*

[www.kidsafewa.com.au](http://www.kidsafewa.com.au) (Western Australia)  
Kidsafe Western Australia website

[www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au) (Western Australia)  
Fire and Emergency Services Authority Website

[www.docep.wa.gov.au/productsafety](http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/productsafety) (Western Australia)  
Product Safety Information and Resources

[www.sgio.com.au/homehelp](http://www.sgio.com.au/homehelp) (Western Australia)  
The SGIO Home Help portal contains information on how to ensure your home is safe and secure

[www.kidsafe.com.au](http://www.kidsafe.com.au) (Australia)  
National Kidsafe Website

[www.inpaa.asn.au](http://www.inpaa.asn.au) (Australia)  
The Infant and Nursery Products Association of Australia provides up to date information on the Association

[www.choice.com.au](http://www.choice.com.au) (Australia)  
Choice magazine online contains product test results and other information

[www.recalls.gov.au](http://www.recalls.gov.au) (Australia)  
Has a list of products that have been recalled for safety reasons

[www.bubhub.com.au](http://www.bubhub.com.au) (Australia)  
Health and safety tips for parents

[www.safekidscanada.ca](http://www.safekidscanada.ca) (Canada)  
Contains information on the National Safe Kids campaign in Canada

[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) (USA)  
US Consumer Product Safety Commission

[www.safekidsworldwide.com](http://www.safekidsworldwide.com) (International)  
Contains information on the National Safe Kids campaign in America

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**child safety is no accident**