

Before you Shop for

# Childproofing & Safety Items

*Tips for Selecting Baby & Child Safety Products from SafetyCentral @ [www.KidSmartLiving.com](http://www.KidSmartLiving.com)*

Our time-saving Childproofing Checklist and Child Safety Basics Worksheet make it easy to identify childproofing product needs for your home. Simply print this shopping guide and do a walk-through to determine quantities, product types and other specifics before shopping.

**\*\* Please see our Baby Gate Worksheet for your safety gate needs!**

## Baby Safety Items Checklist: "Gotta-Do" Areas

Our checklist outlines common child safety hazards that every parent should address before babies start to crawl.

**Electrical Safety:** Outlet plugs should never be exposed. Use Plug Caps or replace covers with Self-Closing Covers. For exposed outlets that are in constant use -- say, for a lamp -- use a box-type cover to secure the outlet and plug. Cords and power strips should be secured out of reach if possible. If exposed, secure using cord covers, winders or power strip covers.

**Windows & Blind Safety:** Windows should be securely closed or blocked using stoppers so they can't open past 2-3". Drapery and blind cords are a strangulation risk, use Winders or Cord Anchors to keep cords out of reach, and separate cords that are attached at the pull, forming a loop.

**Drawer & Cabinet Safety:** The safest childproofing solution is to move hazardous items, chemicals, etc... to out-of-reach areas. For cabinets and drawers you don't want little hands to explore, Cabinet and Drawer Locks are very effective. These come in many styles, from magnet release, to hardware installed, to removable handle latches. Hardware-mounted locks with a no-pinch feature are often the preferred choice.

**Furniture, Electronics & Appliance Safety:** Kids love to pull up and climb, so furniture and TV's pose a great threat. Even a mid-size bookshelf or TV can injure or kill small children. Secure any tall, heavy or tip-prone pieces with Furniture, TV and Electronics Straps. Appliance doors can be secured quickly with Appliance Locks and Straps to help keep curious hands out.

**Door Safety:** Doors can be secured with a variety of locks designed for different knob and door types: Snap-on Doorknob Covers, Lever Locks, Bifold Door Locks, Sliding Door Stops and Flip Locks. Help prevent pinched fingers by using Slide-on Door Guards on doors that stay open. Replace all 2-piece doorstops with 1-Piece Doorstops since the cap is a choking hazard.

**Toilet Locks:** Eww! Install a lock to keep hands out of this no-play zone!

**Fireplace, Hearth & Heating Stove Safety:** Options range from barring access completely with a Hearth Gate (a must for heating stoves), or installing locks and hearth padding to prevent injury. Regardless of the choice, children should be watched closely around hot stoves and fireplaces.

**Balcony, Landing & Loft Safety:** If railing spindle openings are 4" apart or more, a banister shield is recommended. Also move any toys, furniture -- or anything else that can be climbed -- away from railings and half walls.

**Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO2) Detectors:** Smoke detectors should be installed by every sleeping area in the home. One CO2 Detector should be located on each floor. Check batteries on Spring and Fall time changes!

## For More Safety and Kid-Friendly Home Info:

Please see our **Child-Friendly Home Checklist** for more childproofing and baby safety recommendations -- and visit our **KidSmart Décor Tips** online for ideas to help you create a kid-friendly home... with style!



*Offering a full selection of child safety items preferred by childproofing pros... plus durable, family-friendly homewares & fun stuff for kids!*

**Have a Question? Need Suggestions? Please contact us online with safety questions: [www.kidsmartliving.com](http://www.kidsmartliving.com)**

Before shopping for safety products, use our handy checklist to note the number and type of "gotta-have" basic safety items needed for your home.

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**Electrical Outlet & Cord Safety**

Electrical Outlets: # Screws\*: 1 2

Type:  Push-In Outlet Caps \_\_\_\_\_

Sliding Outlet Covers\* \_\_\_\_\_

Outlet/Plug Box Cover\* \_\_\_\_\_

Power Strip Covers \_\_\_\_\_

Exposed Cord Covers \_\_\_\_\_

**Window & Blind Cord Safety**

Window Stops \_\_\_\_\_

Cord Winders \_\_\_\_\_

**Drawer & Cabinet Safety**

# Lower Drawers/Cabinets \_\_\_\_\_

Lock Type:  Installed  Removable

**Furniture, Electronics & Appliances**

Furniture Straps/Anchors \_\_\_\_\_

Sharp Corner Padding \_\_\_\_\_

TV Straps \_\_\_\_\_

VCR/Stereo Straps \_\_\_\_\_

Refrigerator Lock \_\_\_\_\_

Stove, Dishwasher, Ice Maker, Oven, Front-Load Dryer \_\_\_\_\_

**Door Safety: Locks & Door Stops**

Knob or Lever Covers \_\_\_\_\_

1-Piece Doorstops \_\_\_\_\_

Bi-Fold Door Locks \_\_\_\_\_

Upper Locks/Flip Locks \_\_\_\_\_

Finger Pinch Guards \_\_\_\_\_

**Toilet Locks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fireplace, Hearths & Wood Stoves**

*Options: Padding, Lock or Full Enclosure*

Hearth Pad: Total Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Fireplace Glass Door Lock \_\_\_\_\_

Hearth Gate for Fireplace & Stove Running Length for Gate: \_\_\_\_\_

*(See Baby Gate Worksheet for HearthGates)*

**Balcony, Landing, Loft Safety**

Banister Shield / Deck Net \_\_\_\_\_

Running Length of Railing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Smoke & CO2 Detectors** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gates: See Our Baby Gate Worksheet**