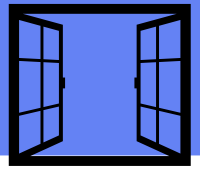


Window Safety



Windows rank as one of the top five hidden hazards in the home.

Falls from windows are more common than people might think. According to a report by SafeKids Worldwide, an average of eight children, ages 5 and younger, die and more than 3,300 are injured each year from falling out of windows. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reminds everyone that it only takes 5 minutes to prevent a child from falling out a window.

THE WINDOW SAFETY TASK FORCE OFFERS THESE TIPS TO HELP PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ACCIDENTAL WINDOW FALLS:

- When young children are around, keep windows closed and locked.
- When opening a window for ventilation, use those located out of a child's reach.
- Supervise children to keep child's play away from windows, balconies or patio doors.
- Avoid placing furniture near windows to prevent young children from climbing and gaining access to an open window.
- Don't allow children to jump on beds or other furniture to help reduce potential falls.
- Don't rely on insect screens to prevent a window fall. Insect screens are designed to keep bugs out, not to keep children in the home.
- Install ASTM F2090 compliant devices designed to limit how far a window will open or window guards (with quick-release mechanisms in case of fire or other emergency) to help prevent a fall.
- Teach your child how to safely use a window to escape during an emergency, such as a fire.

For more information on window safety, visit:

<https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/window-safety?>



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