



Special Edition of Prevention Works: **HOME SAFETY**

As fall turns to winter, we will be spending more time inside our homes.

For many, “home” is equivalent to feelings of safety, warmth and security. Before something happens, lets take the time to look at our homes with a critical eye.

We can avoid dangers and make our homes safer for all children and our seniors.

This special edition of Prevention Works, focus’ on home safety. Review the safety tips, look up some references and make some changes to keep your home safe and secure for all.

A heightened awareness is just the first step. You need to take some action. Now is the time to make your home safer.

Tips to Keep Kids Safe Around **Cleaning Products**

1 Store cleaning products out of children’s reach and sight.



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Keep cleaning products in their original containers and read product labels.



3 Save the Poison Help number in your phone and post it visibly at home:
1-800-222-1222



Keeping Kids Safe

Around Liquid Laundry Packets



Keep liquid laundry packets up, out of children’s reach and sight.



Keep packets in their original container and keep the container closed.



If a child gets into them, call the Poison Help line immediately:
 1-800-222-1222.



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Child Safety Around Gas Fireplaces

3rd degree burns are serious and can happen in less than 1 second from contact with the glass on the front of a gas fireplace.



Every day, **3 children** under age 6 go to the ER for burns related to fireplaces, including gas fireplaces.



Young children can be **unsteady** as they learn to walk, often using surfaces within their reach to pull themselves up.



Little ones have **slower reflexes** and may not be able to move their hands away quickly when they touch something hot.



Young kids have **thinner skin** on their palms than adults, which can lead to more serious burn injuries.

How hot are they?



212°F

boiling water



350°F

baking a cake



400°F

hair iron



500°F

glass on a gas fireplace

Tips for Parents and Caregivers

Watch children around fireplaces. When a gas fireplace is turned on, the glass is extremely hot and can take more than an hour to cool down after it is turned off. Keep children away from the fireplace to prevent burns from the hot glass.

Make sure your gas fireplace has a safety screen or safety gate. These barriers help keep children away from the hot glass on fireplaces. If you need a safety screen, contact the fireplace retailer or manufacturer for the best option for your fireplace.

Keep fireplace remote controls out of children's reach and sight. Make sure children also stay away from on and off switches for gas fireplaces.

Think about places outside of your home with fireplaces. When traveling to other homes, restaurants, hotels or resorts, there may not be a safety screen or safety gate installed. Keep children away from the fireplace and teach them not to touch the glass.

If there is an emergency, call the doctor or 9-1-1 immediately. Physicians can give you information on how to treat a burn correctly.

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Look, listen and learn, with Sparky and Simon.



"We have some tips to keep you safe!"

Look for things inside and outside the home that are hot or can get hot. Things that are hot can burn and hurt you.



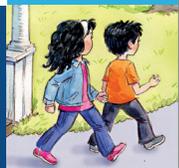
Stay away from hot things. Don't touch them.

Listen for the sound of a smoke alarm. A smoke alarm goes BEEP, BEEP, BEEP.



Learn 2 ways out of every room.

When a smoke alarm goes BEEP, BEEP, BEEP... you get outside and stay outside.



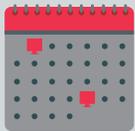
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TV Tip-Overs

How kids are getting hurt and what to do about it.



Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tip-over.*



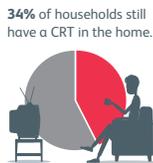
Ten children go to the ER every day because of a TV tip-over.



7 out of 10 kids injured by TV tip-overs are ages 5 and under.



A 36" heavier, box-style CRT TV falling three feet creates the same momentum as a 1-year-old child falling 10 stories.



34% of households still have a CRT in the home.

36% of child fatalities from 2000-2016 due to TV tip-overs involved someone climbing on the furniture or TV.



From 2000-2016, 51% of child fatalities due to TV and furniture tip-overs occurred in a bedroom.

Safety Tips



✓ **Properly place your old TV.** If you have a heavier, box-style TV, place it on a **low, stable piece of furniture** that is appropriate for the TV's size and weight.



✓ **Secure your flat-panel TV.** Be sure your flat-panel TV is properly secured with a **wall mount that has a safety certification** by an independent laboratory (such as UL, CSA, ETL).



✓ **Recycle your TV.** To find a location near your home that **safely and responsibly recycles** unwanted TVs, go to www.GreenerGadgets.org.

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* Based on estimates from CPSC and NEISS data for 2000-2016.

Carbon Monoxide Safety



TIPS FOR PARENTS

CHECK CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Make sure there is a working carbon monoxide (CO) alarm on every level of your home and near sleeping areas.
- Test CO alarms every month to make sure they are working correctly.
- Replace CO alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.

PREVENT CO POISONING

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not leave the engine running even if the garage door is open.
- Generators and grills should be used outside the home, away from windows and doors.
- On the outside of your home, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

IN AN EMERGENCY, LEAVE THE HOME IMMEDIATELY

- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately leave the home.
- Call 911 or the fire department after you are outside the home. Remain outside until emergency personnel arrive.

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