

# CHILDREN'S SAFETY

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For parents, the safety of our children is our number one priority. However, children are injured every day in home accidents, many of which can be prevented. Injuries to children can be minimized by developing a comprehensive home safety plan.

## *The following tips may help you create a safer environment within your home:*

- Stay close to the stove when cooking, especially when you are frying food. Keep children away from the stove.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Do not leave children unattended in a room while using space heaters.
- Lock matches and lighters in a place where children can't reach them.
- Only light candles when an adult is in the room. Blow the candle out when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Stay within an arm's length of smaller children in and around water. This includes bathtubs, toilets, pools, and buckets of water.
- Empty large buckets and wading pools after using them. Use of wading pools must be supervised by an adult.
- No child should swim alone. Make sure your children always swim with an adult.
- Keep your water heater set at 120 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent burns. If you are not aware of your water heater setting, submit a work order to have maintenance check it for you.
- Read the labels on all toys, especially if they have small parts. Be sure your child is old enough to play with them.
- Keep coins and hard round foods, such as hard candy and nuts, out of children's reach. Things that can fit through a toilet paper tube can cause a young child to choke.
- Place furniture and cribs/beds away from windows.
- Always strap babies into high chairs, swings, changing tables, and strollers.
- Lock poisons, cleaners, medications, and all dangerous items in a place where children can't reach them.
- Keep all cleaners in their original containers. Do not mix them together.
- Use medications carefully, follow the directions, and keep them safeguarded. Use child resistant lids.