

# Home Safety

## Keep Your Child Safe at Home



1. All children are at risk for injury where ever they are- infants at home and toddlers on the playground
2. It is important that you learn how to make sure that your home is safe:
  - ❖ **Bathroom:** put safety caps on medicines and cleaning products and keep them up high and out of reach; check bath water to make sure it is not too hot (babies have very sensitive skin); and never leave young children alone in the bathtub or near water
  - ❖ **Kitchen:** use high chair safety straps and don't leave child alone in chair; use back burners and turn pan handles toward back of stove; place plastic bags, knives, matches, and cleaning supplies in locked areas out of the reach of children
  - ❖ **Living Areas:** block stairs with safety gates; cover outlets with safety plugs; keep small objects away from children; make sure drapery cords are out of reach; keep furniture away from windows so children can't climb up and fall out; remove lids on toy chests so that they can't fall down and smash fingers or heads
  - ❖ **Bedrooms:** check furniture to make sure it is sturdy and that no screws or sharps edges are present; don't put plastic sheets in cribs; don't hang elastic or string across cribs or playpens; avoid cribs with cutouts that a child can get stuck in; never tie pacifiers around your baby's neck or put your child to bed with a bib on
3. Children are fast and curious- take precautions and be prepared!

