

Babyproofing

Getting your home ready for your baby means more than painting the nursery. As a parent, you can do a lot to make sure your home is safe for your child. Follow this checklist to help babyproof your home.

DO: Use gates to keep your baby away from unsafe areas. Place them at the top or bottom of stairways to prevent falls.

DO: Put safety locks on cabinets, drawers, and toilet lids. They help keep curious children away from medicines, household cleaners, and other hazards.

DO: Anchor heavy furniture and TVs to the wall. It can stop them from tipping over and hurting your child. Also cover sharp furniture edges with rubber or corner guards.

DO: Remove window coverings with cords. Or clip the strings short to prevent strangulation.

DO: Secure electrical cords high up. And add covers or plates to outlets.

DO NOT: Leave small appliances, cooking tools, or utensils near counter edges. Push them back far out of reach.

DO NOT: Forget to check that cribs, bassinets, and other sleep products meet Consumer Product Safety Commission standards.

Follow this checklist to make your home safe for your baby, so you can spend more quality family time together.