

Childproofing Check List

- ✓ **Check for window covering cords** – families and caregivers should check if there are any window cords present in the home and if so, go cordless, as window cords can pose a strangulation hazard for infants and children. Families should replace any corded products with their safer counterparts, such as those marked with the **Best for Kids™** certification label.
- ✓ Ensure there is **no low standing furniture near any windows** as children can easily climb up and out.
- ✓ **Protect from sharp corners** – consider swapping out furniture or purchasing corner protectors.
- ✓ **Cover up any open electrical sockets** to protect curious hands and fingers.
- ✓ **Consider using a toy box without a lid or that has a spring box lid** – lidded toy boxes can accidentally slam on a child's hand or even trap them inside.
- ✓ **Keep cribs clear of bumper pads, blankets, stuffed animals, sleep positions or other soft objects** that may cause suffocation, entrapment or strangulation.
- ✓ **Remove any small refrigerator magnets** that pose a choking hazard.
- ✓ **Purchase child-safety locks for your cabinets** to keep dangerous cleaning products and sharp kitchen tools out of sight and access from exploring young children. Other household items like matches or prescriptions should also be stored in cabinets away from little hands.
- ✓ Remember to **keep your toilet lid down and install a toilet lock** so that curious young children don't risk losing their balance and falling in.
- ✓ **Ensure your changing table has safety straps** and that all baby care products are well out of reach of a baby's hands.
- ✓ **ALWAYS keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher on hand** and make sure you know how to use it before you need it.
- ✓ **Put a lid on it – your trash can that is**. Even better, keep it tucked away to avoid children coming in contact with sharp objects such as metal cans or glass bottles.

