

Home Safety Checklist

1 Child's Bedroom

- Blind and curtain cords 1.6 metres above the ground.
- Cot meets Australian Standards.
- Furniture placed away from windows.
- No items in cot when putting baby to sleep.

2 Kitchen

- Dangerous objects locked up and away (e.g. knives, matches, lighters, medicines).
- Stable high chair with harness.
- Appliances out of reach.
- Back hot plates used first and pot handles turned towards the back of the stove.
- Hot food and drinks out of reach of children.

3 Bathroom & Laundry

- Bath water temperature always tested before use.
- Hazards locked up and away (e.g. cleaning products, razors, electrical appliances).
- Restrict access to the bathroom and laundry when not in use.
- Empty sinks and baths after use.
- Keep appliance doors closed (e.g. washing machine).

4 Living Room

- Sharp edges of furniture covered.
- Follow age recommendations for toys.
- Use gates and barriers on stairs.
- Place toys where children can reach them to stop them from climbing.
- Use barriers around heaters and fires.

5 Outdoors

- Swimming pools have a barrier with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- Empty paddle pools after use.
- Separate children's play space from the driveway.
- Lock tools and appliances up and out of reach.
- No poisonous plants in the garden.

General Home Safety

- Electrical safety switch installed.
- Working smoke alarms.
- Hot water delivery temperature set to 50°C.
- Power point covers on unused power points.
- Top heavy furniture and TV's secured to the wall.

