

## Checklist

### Home environment

|                                                                                                                                              | Yes                      | No                       |
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| Is there an electrical safety switch to prevent electric shock?                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the hot water delivery temperature set at a maximum of 50 degrees?                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are there working smoke alarms installed in the house?                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are power point covers fitted in unused power points?                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the home free of potentially poisonous plants?                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all electrical appliances, plugs and cords in good condition?                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have long cords been bound together and/or hidden out of children's reach?                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are heaters or fires guarded, and are candles used with caution and never left unattended?                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are there barriers or gates installed on steps and stairs to prevent falls?                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are railings free of footholds that children could climb?                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is all top-heavy or unstable furniture (e.g. bookcases, chests of drawers and televisions) secured to the wall to prevent them from tipping? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are blind and curtain cords secured out of children's reach?                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is all furniture free of sharp corners?                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are the gutters and the ground around the house clear of any material that could burn?                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a home fire escape plan?                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Bathroom

|                                                                                        | Yes                      | No                       |
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| Are there non-slip mats or handrails in the bath?                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are sharp objects (e.g. razors) kept in a child resistant cupboard?                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are hair dryers, straighteners and electric razors unplugged and away when not in use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are medicines kept in a child resistant cupboard?                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a lock on the toilet or bathroom door?                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the bath water temperature always tested before use?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are shampoos, soaps and cosmetics out of reach of children?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the floor kept dry to reduce the risk of falls?                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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### Laundry

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| Are cleaners, bleaches and detergents stored out of reach in a child resistant cupboard?          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do buckets soaking clothes have a lid on them, and are they kept out of children's reach?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the sink emptied when not in use?                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are appliances with lids or doors (e.g. washing machines and dryers) kept closed when not in use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the lint filter of the dryer cleaned regularly to prevent fires?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Child's bedroom

|                                                                                                               | Yes                      | No                       |
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| Is the cot positioned away from the window and blind or curtain cords?                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are cot rails 50-95mm apart and is the mattress firm fitting?                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is everything you need close to the changing table?                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are toys kept where children can reach them without climbing?                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are children's toys suitable for their age?                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are children wearing clothing that is made of low fire risk material or that is designed to reduce fire risk? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Kitchen

|                                                                                                       | Yes                      | No                       |
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| Do electrical appliances have short cords that do not dangle over the bench?                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are electrical appliances (e.g. kettles, toasters and microwaves) positioned out of children's reach? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are back hot plates used first and pot handles always turned to the back of the stove?                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are lighters, matches, knives and other dangerous objects stored out of children's reach?             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are plastic bags out of reach and tied in the middle?                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are hazardous items stored in a child resistant cupboard?                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a fire blanket or fire extinguisher ready to use in the event of a fire?                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a barrier across the doorway to prevent children from accessing the kitchen?                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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### Living areas and dining

- Are glass doors protected by safety film or made of safety glass?
- Is alcohol stored in a child resistant cupboard?
- Do rugs and mats have a non-slip backing to reduce the risk of falls?
- Is the high chair stable and has a harness?
- Are chairs and tables stable?
- Are cigarettes, ash trays, matches and lighters out of reach?
- Are non-slip place mats used instead of tablecloths?
- Are hot drinks placed out of reach of children?
- Are heaters kept away from curtains, furniture or other flammable material?

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### Garden shed and outdoors

- Are pesticides, paints, chemicals and other poisons stored in tightly covered, labeled, original containers and kept out of children's reach?
- Are all garden tools locked away?
- Is the garden free of potentially poisonous plants?
- Can the shed or garage be locked?
- Is the swimming pool or spa fully enclosed by a safety barrier with a self-closing, self-latching gate?
- Is the area free of drowning hazards (e.g. ponds, paddle pools, pet water bowls and buckets)?
- Are play areas separate from the driveway and road?
- Is play equipment stable and in good condition, and has regular maintenance checks?
- Are there soft surfaces underneath play equipment to cushion any falls?
- Are pathways clear to prevent any tripping?
- Are branches pruned above eye level to prevent eye injury?
- Are garden statues and birdbaths cemented in to prevent a crushing hazard?
- Are power points, light switches and electrical equipment protected from the weather?
- Are flammable liquids stored safely as per the directions on the label?

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Consider making changes to items that received a NO response. If you are still unsure, conduct a safety audit to identify the safety hazards for both you and your children.

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### Further information

**ACCC Your First Steps**

[www.babyproductsafety.gov.au](http://www.babyproductsafety.gov.au)

**Department of Fire and Emergency Services**

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

**Kidsafe WA**

[www.kidsafewa.com.au](http://www.kidsafewa.com.au)

**Product Safety Australia**

[www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au)

**Red Nose** – Safe sleeping information

[www.rednose.com.au](http://www.rednose.com.au)

**Royal Life Saving Society WA**

[www.royallifesavingwa.com.au](http://www.royallifesavingwa.com.au)



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