Hands On Home Safety

PREVENT POISONINGS

BE SMART Around Water

PREVENT FALLS

Safe at home

PREVENT CHOKING & Suffocation

PREVENT FIRES & BURNS

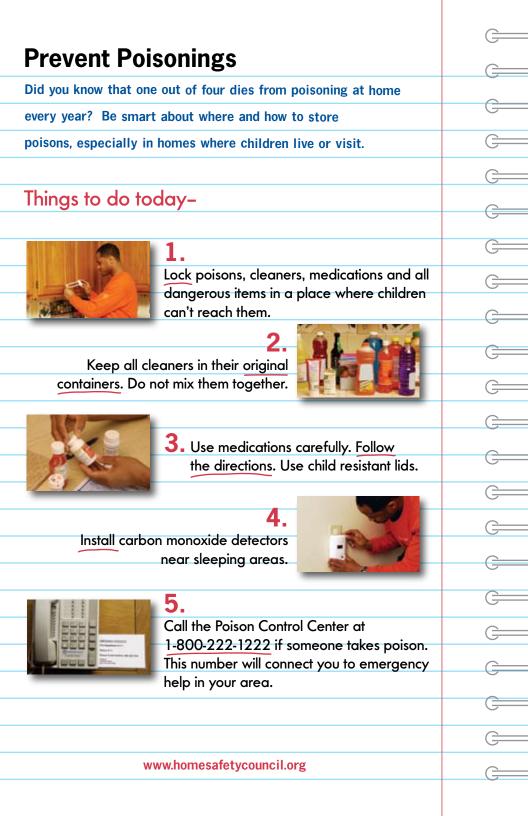


A safe home is in your hands.



For most of us, our home is our safe haven. No one wants to think about being injured or killed at home. Yet every day in homes across America, 55 people die and another 58,000 people are injured and need medical care. There are many simple things you can do to help save lives and prevent injuries. Installing the right safety products and planning for the whole family can prepare you to deal with whatever may arise. We all have the most critical tools needed to make the largest impact on our home's safety...our own two hands.





Prevent Fires & Burns

Did you know that having working smoke alarms cuts your family's

risk of dying in a home fire almost in half? Protect your loved

ones from fires and burns in the home.

Things to do today-



1. Have working <u>smoke alarms</u> and hold fire drills. If you build a new home, install fire sprinklers.

<u>Stay by the stove</u> when cooking, especially when you are frying food.





3. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

If you smoke, smoke outside. Use deep ashtrays and put water in them before you empty them. Lock matches and lighters in a place where children can't reach them.





Only light candles when an adult is in the room. Blow the candle out if you leave the room or go to sleep.

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Prevent Choking and Suffocation

Did you know that half the children who die before age one die

from choking or suffocation? Little things can be dangerous

in little hands.

Things to do today-



1. Things that can fit through a toilet paper tube can cause a young child to choke. Keep coins, latex balloons and hard round foods, such as peanuts and hard candy, out of children's reach.

2

Place children to bed on their backs. Don't put pillows, comforters or toys in cribs.





3. Clip the loops in window cords and place them up high where children can't get them.

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Read the labels on all toys, especially if they have small parts. Be sure that your child is old enough to play with them.





Tell children to sit down when they eat and to take small bites.

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Please visit our Web site to learn how to keep the people you love safe at home. You will find free home safety checklists and step-by-step guides at www.homesafetycouncil.org. There are also lots of fun safety games for children on Home Safety Council's kid-friendly site www.coderedrover.org.

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