

fact sheet

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

HOME ENVIRONMENT

	YES	NO
Do you have a safety switch to prevent electrocution?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the hot water delivery temperature for your bathroom at a maximum of 50°C?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a minimum of one or two smoke detectors located between the sleeping areas and the rest of the house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are safety plugs fitted in spare power points?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you removed any potentially poisonous houseplants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are appliances, plugs and cords in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have long cords been bound with twist ties or spools designed to hide extra cord?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are heaters and fans guarded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there barrier gates on steps, stairs and changes in floor levels 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 your swimming pool or spa fully enclosed by a safety fence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

KITCHEN

Do your appliances have short cords that do not dangle over the bench?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you use the back hot plates and turn pot handles around to prevent pots being pulled from the hot plates?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are matches, knives and other sharp objects stored in a place where a child cannot reach them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are plastic bags out of reach or tied in the middle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the kettle out of children's reach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

KITCHEN Cont**YES NO**

Do you have locks on cupboard doors and pantries?

Is the high chair stable?

Do you have a fire blanket, fire extinguisher or a woollen blanket ready to use in the event of a fire?

Is there a barrier across the doorway to prevent your child's access to the kitchen?

Is the microwave positioned out of reach of children?

 BATHROOM

Does the bath have non-slip mats or handrails?

Are medicines and sharp objects, (eg razors), kept in a locked cupboard out of reach of children?

Are hair dryers and electric razors unplugged when not in use?

Are medicines in a lockable cupboard? ('Lock Up and Away')

Is there a childproof lock on toilet or bathroom door?

Is the bath water temperature always "tested" before putting the child in (start with cold, then hot, then finish with cold)?

Are the shampoos, soaps and cosmetics out of reach of children?

 LAUNDRY

Are cleaners, bleaches and detergents stored out of reach in a child resistant cupboard? ('Lock Up and Away')

Is the nappy bucket used with a lid on and kept out of reach of children?

Are troughs and washing machines empty when not in use?

Do appliances with lids switch off when machine is opened?

Is the floor kept dry and non-slippery?

 CHILD'S BEDROOM

Is the cot away from the window?

Are curtain cords secured out of reach (not too near the cot)?

Are the cot rails between 50mm and 85 mm apart?

Is everything I need close to the changing table?

Are the toys kept where children can reach them without climbing?

Is the furniture free of sharp corners?

Are the toys suitable for the child's age (eg have strings and ribbons been cut from toys)?

LIVING AREAS

YES NO

- Are sharp edges on tables and furniture covered?
- Are blind and curtain cords out of reach?
- Are glass doors protected by safety film, colourful stickers or made of safety glass?
- Is alcohol stored in a child resistant cupboard?
- Are toys stored in an area to allow free passage after use?
- Are rugs and mats secured to prevent a fall (eg non-slip backing)?
- Are chairs and tables difficult to overturn?
- Are cigarettes, ashtrays, matches and lighters out of reach?
- Are tablemats used instead of tablecloths?
- Are hot drinks placed well out of reach of child?
- Are there safety guards attached to the wall around fire places, fuel stoves and heaters?
- Are heaters kept away from curtains, furniture or other flammable material?
- Do your children only wear clothing that is made of low fire risk material or designed to reduce fire risk?

GARDEN SHED/OUTDOORS

- Are pesticides, paints, chemicals and other poisons stored in tightly covered, labelled, original containers out of reach of children ('Lock Up and Away')?
- Are all garden tools locked away?
- Is the garden free of poisonous plants?
- Can the shed or garage be locked?
- Is the area free of drowning hazards? eg ponds, pet's water containers
- Is the play area separate from the driveway?
- Is the play equipment stable and in good condition? (regular maintenance checks required)
- Is there a soft surface under play equipment to cushion falls?
- Are pathways clear to prevent tripping?
- Are branches pruned above eye level to avoid eye injury?
- Are garden statues and birdbaths cemented in to prevent a crushing hazard?

Consider making changes to items that received a NO response for a safer home!

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

www.kidsafesa.com.au (South Australia)

Kidsafe South Australia website

www.kidsafe.com.au (Australia)

Kidsafe National website

www.cyh.com (South Australia)

Child and Youth Health website

www.accc.gov.au (Australia)

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

www.tee-zed.com.au (Australia)

About Dream Baby products, includes some safety products

www.parenthood.com (USA)

Health and safety tips for parents

www.safekidscanada.ca (Canada)

Contains information on the National Safe Kids campaign in Canada

www.safekids.org (USA)

Contains information on the National Safe Kids campaign in America

www.choice.com (Australia)

Choice magazine online contains product test results and other information

**If you have any questions, call Kidsafe SA on (08) 8161 6318
between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday**