

Dad Facts



Kids Make Your House a Home...Is It Safe?

Even though your new born child will not be moving around for the first few months that time will come before you know it! Here are some ways you can prepare for the big move.

What do I need to do?

Place baby gates above and below all staircases

Lock all cabinets and drawers that contain heavy or toxic materials.

Cover door handles

Put outlet covers in all unused outlets.

Have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on every floor and outside of bedrooms.

Have a working fire extinguisher on hand.

Have a place to tie up the cords on your blinds to prevent strangulation.

Do not place cribs near windows.

Use gun locks or locked case to put guns in if you have firearms in the home.

Secure tall shelving units to the wall to prevent tip-overs.



Tips:

- Once your baby starts to move, they move fast! Complete the tasks above before your child begins moving.
- Make sure these things are done at all homes where your child might spend a lot of time.
- Make sure that your hot water heater is set at 120 degrees or less. You should be able to hold your hand under the faucet when the water is its hottest without feeling burned.
- Children are naturally curious and will get into things they shouldn't. Exploration is how babies learn. Encourage them, play with them, And WATCH THEM!
- Always remember: **The BEST PREVENTION IS SUPERVISION!**



Do you have more questions? Call...

Your child's doctor

Safe Kids Kenosha-Racine

687-3366

Your local public health department

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Poison Center

1800-222-1222

