

# Home Safety Checklist

**Today's Date:**

Check the time you are conducting the home safety check based on your child's age:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prenatal or less than 3 months old        | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-years-old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 6-months-old: Getting ready to crawl | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-years-old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 to 12-months-old: Getting ready to walk | <input type="checkbox"/> New home    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-years-old                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:      |

Check "yes," "no" or "N/A" (for not applicable), based on what you see.

**HOME SAFETY**

Walk around to check the safety of the home (bathroom, kitchen, bedroom, etc.) by answering the questions below.

1.  Yes  No  N/A Are electrical cords intact and away from the reach of children?
2.  Yes  No  N/A Are electrical appliances away from a filled tub, sink or running water?
3.  Yes  No  N/A Are painted surfaces (including walls and furniture) free from chalking, flaking and peeling, which could indicate the presence of lead-based paint?
4.  Yes  No  N/A Are all exterior doors, including pet doors if applicable, childproofed (latches, high locks or alarms, etc.)?
5.  Yes  No  N/A Are all stairways and floor space for walking clear from obstruction and in a non-slippery condition?
6.  Yes  No  N/A Is there railing protecting all stairways and elevated landings (top and bottom of stairs)?
7.  Yes  No  N/A If there are railing slats greater than 2-3/8 inches apart, are they covered with a piece of wood or hard plastic?
8.  Yes  No  N/A Is there a safe place for the child to sleep?
9.  Yes  No  N/A If there is a crib, are the gaps between the slats on the crib 2-3/8 inches or less?
10.  Yes  No  N/A If there is a child under 1 year of age, is the sleeping area free of soft bedding (including bumper pads), pillows, blankets and stuffed animals?
11.  Yes  No  N/A If there is a crib, does the crib sheet and mattress fit tightly to avoid entrapment and suffocation?
12.  Yes  No  N/A Are all houseplants out of the reach of children?
13.  Yes  No  N/A Are all ashtrays out of the reach of children?
14.  Yes  No  N/A Are emergency numbers readily accessible? (See list of phone numbers)
15.  Yes  No  N/A Are knives and other sharp objects out of the reach of children or in a childproofed drawer?
16.  Yes  No  N/A Are plastic bags out of the reach of children?
17.  Yes  No  N/A Are sharp edges and corners covered (i.e., fireplace, tables, etc.)?
18.  Yes  No  N/A Are there safety plugs in all unused electrical outlets?
19.  Yes  No  N/A Are hair dryers and curling irons out of the reach of children?
20.  Yes  No  N/A Are the iron and ironing board out of the reach of children?
21.  Yes  No  N/A Are all chemicals and cleaning supplies stored in original containers? (Some examples of dangerous products include paint thinner, antifreeze, gasoline, turpentine, bleach, insect spray, fertilizer, poison.)
22.  Yes  No  N/A Are all chemicals and cleaning supplies stored out of the reach of children or in a childproofed cabinet?
23.  Yes  No  N/A Are all vitamins, over-the-counter and prescription medications stored out of the reach of children or in a childproofed drawer/cabinet?
24.  Yes  No  N/A Are all alcoholic beverages stored out of the reach of children or in a childproofed cabinet?



25.  Yes  No  N/A Are cosmetics stored out of the reach of children or in a childproofed drawer/cabinet?
26.  Yes  No  N/A Are curtain and blind cords kept out of the reach of children?
27.  Yes  No  N/A If residence is not on the ground floor, is furniture that a child could climb on away from windows, or are there window guards installed?

#### FIRE SAFETY

28.  Yes  No  N/A Are smoke alarm(s) in working order and located on every floor?
29.  Yes  No  N/A Are space heaters in good repair and are they at least 4 feet from clothing, curtains/drapes or any flammable material?
30.  Yes  No  N/A Are there two unrestricted exits (windows or doors) that can be used in case of fire?

#### WATER SAFETY

**Look at all outdoor areas with water (pool, hot tub, retention pond and/or fountain). Measurements are based on current Florida Building Code 424.2.17.**

31.  Yes  No  N/A If there is an in-ground pool, is there at least a 4-foot barrier with gaps of no more than 4 inches?
32.  Yes  No  N/A If there is an in-ground pool, is there two inches or less between the ground and the bottom of the pool barrier?
33.  Yes  No  N/A If there is a door from the house that leads into an area with water, is there an exit alarm or a lock located at least 54 inches above the floor?
34.  Yes  No  N/A If there is a barrier around the pool, are large objects outside of the barrier (such as tables, chairs or ladders) far enough away from the barrier to prevent children from using them to climb over the barrier and into the pool area?
35.  Yes  No  N/A If there is a gate into the area with water, is there a latch on the gate that closes automatically? Is the latch located on the side with the water? Is the latch located at least 54 inches above the bottom of the gate?
36.  Yes  No  N/A If there is a window that is accessible to the area with water, is there an exit alarm and/or is the base of the window at least 48 inches from the interior floor (can be 42 inches if there is a cabinet beneath a screened or protected pass-through window)?
37.  Yes  No  N/A Are toys and objects that may attract children kept out of the water when not in use?
38.  Yes  No  N/A Are there life-saving devices near the pool such as a hook, pole or flotation device?
39.  Yes  No  N/A Are pool chemicals kept away from heat sources and out of the reach of children?
40.  Yes  No  N/A Is the property free from containers of water or other fluid left uncovered or accessible to a child (i.e., inflatable "kiddie pool", buckets, etc.)?

*This Home Safety Checklist was developed by Healthy Families Florida*

#### HERE'S HELP



Use the **Family Resources on pages 72–78** to learn about a variety of family support services available in your community.