

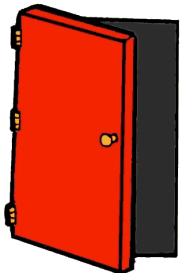
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HAZARDOUS SPOTS AROUND THE HOUSE

- **Stairs:** Install safety gates at both the top and bottom of a stairway to keep children out of these danger zones. Never use pressure gates at the top of stairs. Instead, choose a gate that requires mounting hardware and is designed for top of stairs use.
- **Fire protection:** Install a working smoke detector at each level of the home. Test it and change the batteries every six months when you change the clocks. Plan and practice a family escape plan and a safe meeting place outside. Tell the fire department if a child in your home needs special assistance getting out of the house.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector on each level of the house. Test it monthly and change the batteries according to instructions.
- **Windows:** Your child may seem too small to reach a window, but he/she can climb on other nearby items to reach it. Open or unlocked windows, even those with a screen, can become a falling hazard. Use special window guards installed tightly and securely to prevent falls. Utilize window locks to secure windows to open no more than four inches.



- **Unsupervised Rooms:** It's best to keep extra rooms closed when you're not using them. Place door knob covers on all the doors off the hallway to keep your child from entering. If you have a home office or work area, it's best to keep this room off limits to your child. There are many sharp and dangerous items that are commonplace in an office like pushpins, staples and paperclips. Be sure to keep these items out of your child's reach.