

## Making the House Baby Safe by



Babies develop new skills rapidly. As they become more mobile, their access to hazards and desire to explore will increase. That's why it's important to plan ahead and make sure you've prepared your home to help keep them safe, as well as ensuring you continue to monitor and protect against hazards around the home as they grow.

Safety products can help reduce the risk of common hazards found around the home - these include furniture anchoring devices, powerpoint covers, and latches to prevent access to cupboards or drawers containing hazards such as poisons and sharp items. Remember that when safety products are installed throughout the home, this does not reduce the risk of injury completely, so it's important to actively supervise your baby at all times and set up a safe play area for them away from hazards.

Kidsafe's Home Safety Checklist can be used to guide you through common risks around the home and help you make changes to keep your baby safe. It's also recommended to get down to your child's level to view the world from their eyes - this will help to spot any hazards you might not notice from your view.

### Kidsafe's top home safety tips

- Secure any unstable furniture to the wall or floor and secure TVs to the cabinet or wall, using furniture brackets and/or anchors.
- Secure loose curtain and blind cords.
- Store poisons (e.g. cleaning products, medications) and button batteries up high and out of reach of children in a locked cupboard.
- Make sure the hot water delivery temperature for your bathroom taps is set to 50°C and smoke alarms are installed throughout your home.
- Separate children's play areas away from the driveway and road, and always walk around to check the area around the car is clear before moving it.
- Create a safe play area for your child away from heaters, stairs, driveways and other hazards. A playpen or safety gate can help restrict access to hazards.

For more information, visit the links below:

- [Kidsafe Home Safety Checklist](#)
- [A Parent's Guide to Kidsafe Homes](#)