Each year, children are injured by hazards in and around the home. The good news is that the risk of injury can be reduced or prevented by using child-safety devices and reminding older children in the house to re-secure safety devices after disabling them.

Most of these safety devices are easy to find and are relatively inexpensive. You can buy them at hardware stores, baby equipment shops, supermarkets, drug stores, home improvement stores, on the Internet and through mail order catalogs. Safety devices should be sturdy enough to hinder access and yet easy for you to use.

To be effective, they must be properly installed. Follow installation instructions carefully. Remember, too, that no device is completely childproof, determined youngsters have been known to overcome or disable them.

Here are some child safety devices that can help reduce injuries to young children. The red numbers correspond to those on the image following the text.

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<td>Use Safety Gates 2 to help prevent falls down stairs and to keep children from entering rooms and other areas with possible dangers. Look for safety gates that children cannot dislodge easily, but that adults can open and close without difficulty. For the top of stairs, use gates that screw to the wall. Use safety gates that meet current safety standards. Replace older safety gates that have “V” shapes that are large enough to entrap a child’s head and neck. Use Door Knob Covers and Door Locks 3 to help prevent children from entering rooms and other areas with possible dangers. Door knob covers and door locks can help keep children away from places with hazards. Be sure the door knob cover is sturdy, and allows a door to be opened quickly by an adult in case of emergency. Use Anti-Scald Devices 4 for faucets and shower heads and set your water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to help prevent burns from hot water. Anti-scald devices for regulating water temperature can help reduce the likelihood of burns. Use Smoke Alarms 5 on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside sleeping areas to alert you to fires. Smoke alarms are essential safety devices for protection against fire deaths and injuries.</td>
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Childproofing Your Home

Child safety devices are an important aid to parental supervision. Here are 12 child safety devices that will help keep your home—and children—safer.

1. **SAFETY LATCHES and LOCKS** for cabinets and drawers in kitchens, bathrooms, and other areas to help prevent poisonings and other injuries.

2. **SAFETY GATES** to help prevent falls down stairs and to keep children from entering rooms and other areas with possible dangers.

3. **DOOR KNOB COVERS and DOOR LOCKS** to help prevent children from entering rooms and other areas with possible dangers.

4. **ANTI-SCALD DEVICES FOR FAUCETS and SHOWER HEADS** and set your water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to help prevent burns from hot water.

5. **SMOKE ALARMS** on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside sleeping areas to alert you to fires.

6. **WINDOW GUARDS and SAFETY NETTING** to help prevent falls from windows, balconies, decks, and landings.

7. **CORNER and EDGE BUMPERS** to help prevent injuries from falls against sharp edges of furniture and fireplaces.

8. **OUTLET COVERS and OUTLET PLATES** to help prevent electrocution.

9. **CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARM** near sleeping areas to help prevent CO poisoning.

10. **TASSEL ON EACH SEPARATE WINDOW BLIND CORD and INNER CORD STOPS ON MINI BLINDS** to help prevent strangulation.

11. **ANCHORS TO AVOID FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE TIP-OVERS**.

12. **LAYERS OF PROTECTION WITH POOLS AND SPAS**.