Childproofing Checklist: Home Hazards for Young Kids

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Property

WALK DATE

WALKED BY

PROPERTY ADDRESS

OCCUPANCY

HOME TYPE

STORIES

WHO THE WALK IS FOR

POOL, SPA, OR HOT TUB ON THE PROPERTY

☐ Owner, caregiver, or agent present

Stairs, gates, and doors

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
A hardware-mounted safety gate is installed at the top of each stair	☐	☐	☐	
A safety gate is in place at the bottom of stairs children can reach	☐	☐	☐	
Gates are child safety gates that meet current standards, not pet gates	☐	☐	☐	
Adults can open and close the gates; children cannot dislodge them easily	☐	☐	☐	
Door-knob covers or locks keep children out of rooms with hazards	☐	☐	☐	
Doors to the garage, basement workshop, or similar hazard rooms stay secured	☐	☐	☐	
Gates, latches, and door covers were reengaged after this walk	☐	☐	☐	

Windows and falls

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
No one is relying on insect screens to keep a child from falling	☐	☐	☐	
Windows a child can reach have guards or stops, especially in bedrooms	☐	☐	☐	
Guards or stops limit the opening to four inches or less where they are used	☐	☐	☐	
At least one window in each room can still be used for fire escape	☐	☐	☐	
Furniture and climbable objects are kept away from windows	☐	☐	☐	
Windows that are open were opened from the top when that is possible	☐	☐	☐	
Guards, stops, and safety netting were checked this visit and still look secure	☐	☐	☐	

Outlets

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes

Unused outlets have covers or plates a child cannot easily pull out	☐	☐	☐	
Any plug-in caps in use are large enough that a child cannot choke on them	☐	☐	☐	
If a receptacle was replaced, it is a tamper-resistant type	☐	☐	☐	
No outlet or switch is missing a faceplate or showing bare wiring a child can reach	☐	☐	☐	
Unused slots on indoor power strips or extension cords have covers if children are present	☐	☐	☐	

Furniture and TV tip-over

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
Dressers, bookcases, chests, desks, and shelves a child can climb are anchored to the wall or floor	☐	☐	☐	
Each TV is wall-mounted or separately anchored to the wall	☐	☐	☐	
Each TV sits only on furniture designed to hold a television	☐	☐	☐	
A freestanding range or stove has its anti-tip bracket installed	☐	☐	☐	
Toys, remotes, and other climb bait are off the tops of TVs and furniture	☐	☐	☐	
Anti-tip hardware was installed using the manufacturer instructions	☐	☐	☐	
Sharp furniture and hearth edges a toddler can hit have bumpers, or the child cannot reach them	☐	☐	☐	

Poisons and medicines

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
Medicines, vitamins, and supplements are in a locked cabinet or box, out of sight and reach	☐	☐	☐	
Medicines stay in original child-resistant containers, and caps are relocked after each use	☐	☐	☐	
Guest purses, coats, and bags that may hold medicine are stored up and away during visits	☐	☐	☐	
Household cleaners and chemicals are locked up in original containers	☐	☐	☐	
Laundry detergent packets are in the original container, locked up, and out of a child’s hands	☐	☐	☐	
High-powered magnet sets are stored away from children	☐	☐	☐	
Button-cell or coin batteries are secured; toy battery doors have a working screw closure	☐	☐	☐	
Unfinished or unused medicines have been discarded through a proper take-back, not left in a drawer	☐	☐	☐	
Poison Help 800-222-1222 is saved in phones used by caregivers	☐	☐	☐	

Bath and indoor water

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
An adult stays within arm’s reach whenever a young child is in the tub	☐	☐	☐	

A bath seat, if used, is never treated as a substitute for an adult within reach	☐	☐	☐	
Buckets and pails are emptied and stored so a toddler cannot fall in headfirst	☐	☐	☐	
The water-heater thermostat is set to 120 F or lower, or tap water is mixed by an anti-scald device	☐	☐	☐	
Bath water is tested by an adult before a child is placed in the tub	☐	☐	☐	
Children are kept away from the cooking area when burners or hot liquids are in use	☐	☐	☐	
Bathroom cabinet latches were closed after this walk	☐	☐	☐	

Pool and spa

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
A fence at least 4 feet high surrounds the pool or spa perimeter	☐	☐	☐	
The barrier isolates the water, or doors to the pool have alarms and self-closing hardware	☐	☐	☐	
Pool gates are self-closing and self-latching, and they were closed after this walk	☐	☐	☐	
A pool or spa cover, if you have one, works and its control is out of a child's reach	☐	☐	☐	
Door alarms or a pool alarm are in use if the house is one side of the barrier	☐	☐	☐	
A portable pool is fenced, covered, or emptied and stored when not in use	☐	☐	☐	
Household adults know to check the pool first if a child goes missing	☐	☐	☐	
An adult is designated to watch the water whenever a child is in or near the pool	☐	☐	☐	

Window covering and other cords

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
Window coverings in rooms children use are cordless, or every accessible cord was checked	☐	☐	☐	
There are no dangling pull cords a child can reach	☐	☐	☐	
Continuous-loop cords and bead chains are anchored taut to the floor or wall	☐	☐	☐	
Cribs, beds, furniture, and toys are away from windows and window covering cords	☐	☐	☐	
Baby-monitor, lamp, and other cords stay out of a child's sleep or play space	☐	☐	☐	
No string, necklace, or toy cord is tied around a child's neck or across a crib	☐	☐	☐	

Sleep space

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
The baby sleeps in a crib, bassinet, play yard, or bedside sleeper that meets current CPSC standards	☐	☐	☐	
The sleep surface is firm and flat, with only a fitted sheet: no pillows, quilts, bumpers, or toys	☐	☐	☐	

Caregivers place the baby on their back for every sleep	☐	☐	☐	
Inclined sleepers, rockers, and similar products are not used for infant sleep	☐	☐	☐	
The sleep product was checked against CPSC recalls	☐	☐	☐	

Smoke and CO alarms

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Notes
A working smoke alarm is on every level, including the basement	☐	☐	☐	
A working smoke alarm is inside each bedroom	☐	☐	☐	
A working smoke alarm is outside each sleeping area	☐	☐	☐	
Smoke alarms were tested this month with the test button	☐	☐	☐	
CO alarms are on every level and outside sleeping areas	☐	☐	☐	
CO alarms were tested this visit per the manufacturer instructions	☐	☐	☐	

Findings and sign-off

FINDINGS

ACTION

WALKER SIGNATURE

OWNER OR CAREGIVER SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

Reference only. Verify against local codes, a licensed inspector or a qualified contractor.