Home Safety Checklist

Bedroom

☐ Make sure your baby’s crib, cradle or bassinet meets Canadian safety standards.

☐ Take bumper pads, blankets, pillows and toys out of your baby’s crib.

☐ Always keep one hand on your baby when using high surfaces for changing.

☐ Keep the crib away from windows, curtains, blind cords, lamps, electrical plugs, and extension cords.

Bathroom

☐ Always stay within arms’ reach of your child around water.

☐ Check bath water temperature with your wrist or elbow. It should feel warm but not hot.

☐ Keep medications, make-up, and razors locked up and out of reach.

☐ Put the Ontario Poison Centre phone number in your phone (1-800-268-9017).

Kitchen

☐ Put safety devices on drawers and cupboards.

☐ Make sure cleaners, matches and lighters are locked up and out of reach.

☐ Always cook on the back burners with pot handles turned in.

☐ Never hold your baby when you are drinking a hot beverage or cooking.

☐ Keep hot items, appliances and cords away from the edge of the counter.
Family Room

☐ Cut or tie up blind cords and place them out of reach. You can also replace them with cordless blinds.

☐ Cover electrical outlets with safety plugs.

☐ Tie up electrical cords and place them out of reach.

☐ Block fireplaces with a fireplace gate.

Outside

☐ Make sure pools are surrounded by a 4-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate.

☐ Empty toddler pools and buckets after each use.

☐ Make sure your child always wears a helmet. Be a role model and wear your helmet too.

All Areas

☐ Install wall-mounted safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs.

☐ Install guards and stops on windows above the first floor.

☐ Install working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor and outside sleeping areas. Change batteries every year.

☐ Keep items and toys with small pieces, strings, or cords out of reach.

☐ Make sure furniture and televisions are secured or attached to the wall. Anchors are available at hardware stores or through the product manufacturer.