

Picks up small objects; has pincer grasp

Explores by putting objects in mouth

Dislikes being restrained

Explores away from parent

Increasingly understands simple commands and phrases

Injury Prevention

Aspiration

Keep small objects off floor, off furniture, and out of reach of children.

Take care when feeding solid table food to give very small pieces.

Do not use beanbag toys or allow child to play with dried beans.

See also 4 to 7 Months Old earlier in this box.

Bodily Damage

See 4 to 7 Months Old earlier in this box.

Avoid placing televisions or other large objects on top of furniture, which may be overturned when infant pulls self to standing position.

Falls

Avoid walkers, especially near stairs.*

Ensure that furniture is sturdy enough for child to pull self to standing position and cruise.

Fence stairways at top and bottom if child has access to either end.*

Dress infant in safe shoes and clothing (soles that do not “catch” on floor, tied shoelaces, pant legs that do not touch floor).