

closets, and most containers Climbs Cannot read labels Does not know safe dose or amount	Caution against eating nonedible items, such as plants. Replace medications or poisons immediately in locked cabinet; replace child-guard caps promptly. Administer medications as a drug, not as a candy. Do not store large surplus of toxic agents. Promptly discard empty poison containers; never reuse to store a food item or other poison. Teach child not to play in trash containers. Never remove labels from containers of toxic substances. Know number of nearest poison control center: 800-222-1222 .
Falls	
Able to open doors and some windows Goes up and down stairs Depth perception unrefined	Use window guards; do not rely on screens to stop falls. Place gates at top and bottom of stairs. Keep doors locked or use childproof doorknob covers at entry to stairs, high porch, or other elevated area, including laundry chute. Ensure safe and effective barriers on porches, balconies, decks. Remove unsecured or scatter rugs.
	Apply nonskid decals in bathtub or shower. Keep crib rails fully raised and mattress at lowest level. Place carpeting under crib and in bathroom. Keep large toys and bumper pads out of crib or play yard (child can use these as "stairs" to climb out) and then move to youth bed when child is able to climb out of crib. Avoid using mobile walker, especially near stairs. Dress in safe clothing (soles that do not "catch" on floor, tied shoelaces, pant legs that do not touch floor). Keep child restrained in vehicle; never leave unattended in vehicle or shopping cart. Never leave child unattended in high chair. Supervise at playgrounds; select play areas with soft ground cover and safe equipment.
Choking and Suffocation	
Puts things in mouth May swallow hard or inedible pieces of food	Avoid large, round chunks of meat, such as whole hot dogs (slice lengthwise into short pieces). Avoid fruit with pits, fish with bones, hard candy, chewing gum, nuts, popcorn, grapes, and marshmallows. Choose large, sturdy toys without sharp edges or small removable parts. Discard old refrigerators, ovens, and so on, and remove the door. Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms; change batteries every 6 months. Develop a fire escape plan for the entire family and have drills. Keep automatic garage door transmitter in an inaccessible place. Select safe toy boxes or chests without heavy, hinged lids. Keep venetian blind cords out of child's reach. Remove drawstrings from clothing; shorten essential drawstrings to 15.24 cm (6 inches) or less. Avoid contact with round, hollow, semirigid plastic items such as half of a plastic ball.
Bodily Injury	
Still clumsy in many skills Easily distracted from tasks Unaware of potential danger from strangers or other people	Avoid giving sharp or pointed objects (e.g., knives, scissors, or toothpicks) especially when walking or running. Do not allow lollipops or similar objects in mouth when walking or running. Teach safety precautions (e.g., to carry knife or scissors with pointed end away from face). Store all dangerous tools, garden equipment, and firearms in locked cabinet.