

Poisoning is not as great a danger to this age group, but parents should begin practicing safeguards early (see 4 to 7 Months Old later in this box).

Bodily Damage

Keep sharp or jagged objects, such as knives and broken glass, out of child's reach.

Keep diaper pins closed and away from infant.

4 to 7 Months Old

Major Developmental Accomplishments

Rolls over

Sits momentarily

Grasps and manipulates small objects

Re-secures a dropped object

Has well-developed eye–hand coordination

Can focus on and locate small objects

Has prominent mouthing (oral fixation)

Can push up on hands and knees

Crawls backward

Injury Prevention

Aspiration

Keep buttons, beads, syringe caps, and other small objects out of infant's reach.

Keep floor free of any small objects.

Do not feed infant hard candy, nuts, food with pits or seeds, or