

Developmental Abilities Related to Risk of Injury	Injury Prevention
Motor Vehicles	
<p>Walks, runs, and climbs Able to open doors and gates Can ride tricycle Can throw ball and other objects</p>	<p>Use federally approved car restraint per manufacturer's recommendations for weight and height. Supervise child while playing outside. Do not allow child to play on curb or behind a parked car. Do not permit child to play in pile of leaves, snow, or large cardboard container in trafficked area. Supervise tricycle riding; have child wear helmet. Limit playing in driveways with parked cars or provide physical barriers limiting access. Lock fences and doors if not directly supervising children. Teach child to obey pedestrian safety rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obey traffic regulations; cross only at crosswalks and only when traffic signal indicates it is safe. • Stand back a step from the curb until it is time to cross. • Look left, right, and left again, and check for turning cars before crossing street. • Use sidewalks; when there is no sidewalk, walk on the left, facing traffic. • Wear light colors at night and attach fluorescent material to clothing.
Drowning	
<p>Able to explore if left unsupervised Has great curiosity Helpless in water; unaware of its danger; depth of water has no significance</p>	<p>Supervise closely when near any source of water, including buckets. Never, under any circumstance, leave unsupervised in bathtub. Keep bathroom doors closed and lid down on toilet. Have fence around swimming pool and lock gate.*</p>
Burns	
<p>Able to reach heights by climbing, stretching, and standing on toes Pulls objects Explores any holes or opening Can open drawers and closets Unaware of potential sources of heat or fire Plays with mechanical objects</p>	<p>Turn pot handles toward back of stove. Place electric appliances, such as coffee maker and popcorn machine, toward back of counter. Place guardrails in front of radiators, fireplaces, and other heating elements. Store matches and cigarette lighters in locked or inaccessible area; discard carefully. Place burning candles, incense, hot foods, and cigarettes out of reach. Do not let tablecloth hang within child's reach. Do not let electric cord from iron or other appliance hang within child's reach. Cover electrical outlets with protective plastic caps. Keep electrical wires hidden or out of reach. Do not allow child to play with electrical appliance, wires, or lighters. Stress danger of open flames; teach what "hot" means. Always check bathwater temperature; adjust water heater temperature to 49° C (120° F) or lower; do not allow children to play with faucets. Apply a sunscreen when child is exposed to sunlight (all year round).</p>
Accidental Poisoning	
<p>Explores by putting objects in mouth Can open drawers,</p>	<p>Place all potentially toxic agents, including cosmetics, personal care items, cleaning products, pesticides, and medications, out of reach or in a locked cabinet.</p>