

TV and Furniture Tip-Over Prevention Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe from TV and furniture tip-overs.

You wouldn't think to bring a baby home from the hospital without a car seat or have your child ride a bike without a helmet. Protecting your children from the potential risk of TV and furniture tip-overs is another important part of keeping them safe.

Check TVs

• Do a quick check of the stability of all TVs in your home.

Secure TVs

 Mount flat-screen TVs to the wall to prevent them from toppling off stands. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that you have a secure fit.



• If you have a large, heavy, old-style cathode ray tube (CRT) TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture.

Secure Furniture

- Use brackets, braces or wall straps to secure unstable or top-heavy furniture to the wall.
- Install stops on dresser drawers to prevent them from being pulled all the way out.



Multiple open drawers can cause the weight to shift, making it easier for a dresser to fall.

Rearrange Household Items

- Keep heavier items on lower shelves or in lower drawers.
- Avoid placing remote controls, food, toys or other items in places where kids might be tempted to climb up or reach for them.



Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tipping over. Over the past 10 years, a child visited the emergency room every 45 minutes because of a TV tipping over.



Recycle Old TVsIf you no longer

use your CRT TV, consider recycling it. To find a location to safely and easily recycle unwanted TVs, go to <u>www.</u> <u>GreenerGadgets.org</u>.



Here are some step-by-step tips to help.

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