



Prime your home for protection

Children and babies are curious by nature. Here are some tips to keep your little loved ones protected from household hazards.

- **Secure the accessible** — Install latches to prevent children from getting into ovens, washing machines, dryers, cabinets or drawers with hazardous objects.
- **Lock up harmful products** — Keep cleaning products, household tools and medicines out of reach.
- **Avoid shock risk** — Cover all power outlets within reach of your child with covers or plugs they cannot remove.
- **Prevent choking hazards** — Put anything small enough to fit through a toilet paper roll away and out of reach.
- **Eliminate standing water** — Use toilet-lid locks and don't leave water in bathtubs or buckets.
- **Use safety gates** — Strategically place gates to keep children away from stairs, the kitchen and other areas. Make sure gates are up to date with safety standards. Avoid v-shaped gates that can entrap a child's head.
- **Cover door knobs** — Use door knob covers and locks to prevent children from going outside unattended and getting into other places with hazards.
- **Install screens** — Cover your fireplace with locking screens and install window guards and safety netting for balconies, decks and landings.
- **Barricade access to pools** — Install a pool gate and use protective barriers and covers for pools, spas, fountains and ponds.
- **Cap corners** — Cover edges and corners of counters, furniture and hearths with foam or thick fabric.
- **Anchor down** — Secure bookshelves, televisions and heavy furniture to walls with brackets and anchors.

There are many tips and products to keep your kids safe. Check out this website for more ideas: <http://www.asecurelife.com/baby-proofing-house/#checklist>

If you're looking for a new home to accommodate a growing family, give me a call today!