

**Outdoors** Yes No

Are the wading pools and other water containers emptied immediately after use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are play areas fenced securely, checked and maintained regularly and not located near a driveway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are fence and gates in good condition and in working order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is sunscreen and hat worn when outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is play equipment checked regularly and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are trampoline, swings and climbing items positioned on a soft surface, eg. well maintained grass or mulch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is garden free from poisonous or hazardous plants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are branches and twigs removed from children's eye level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are children supervised in the backyard at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are children restricted from accessing the driveway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are helmets worn when riding a tricycle, bike, scooter, inline skates or skateboard etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are wrist, knee and elbow guards worn when riding a scooter, inline skates or skateboard etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are children supervised around pets, especially dogs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does pram or stroller comply with Australian Standards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is five point safety harness on the pram or stroller secured when in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are garden statues and birdbaths cemented in to prevent a crushing hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the pool or spa isolated on all 4 sides with a fence and a self-closing gate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Childhood injuries include**

Burns and Scalds	Cooking appliances such as the oven, stove, barbeque Heaters and Irons Hot Water and Steam Hot liquids such as tea, coffee, soup, noodles Cigarettes, fires, candles, matches, lighters Button batteries Sun
Poisoning	Medications Household cleaning products Pool chemicals Pesticides
Choking	Small items such as beads, toys, pieces of foam, coins, miniature batteries, etc Food items such as small pieces of raw carrot, apple pieces, popcorn, nuts, hard lollies
Near-Drowning	Bath (if left unsupervised) Wading Pool Swimming pools or spas Garden ponds and water features Dams, lakes and water tanks
Entrapment	Between cot railings Balustrades Vertical railings Curtain and blind cords Playground equipment
Breaks, sprains, concussion and head injury	Falls, trips and collisions

**Consider making changes to items that were ticked NO for a safer home!**

**If you are still unsure, crawl around on your hands and knees to view your home a your child would, or visit [www.kidsafeqld.com.au](http://www.kidsafeqld.com.au) for more information.**



Disclaimer: This checklist is for general information only. Please consult Kidsafe Queensland Inc. or a health professional for specific information relating to your circumstances and your child.



# Home Safety Checklist

Most injuries suffered by children occur in and around the home. While it may not be possible to make your home completely safe at all times, you can take steps to lessen the risk of injury and make your home a safer place for children.

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Check through your home one room at a time. Tick if the item requires further attention and note any changes you need to do to make your home safer. Plan when to make these changes.

*Every home is different. Some items in the following checklist may not apply in your home.*

## Emergency and evacuation plan Yes No

- Is an emergency evacuation plan (including an agreed meeting spot) in place and is practised regularly?  Yes  No
- Has a list of emergency contact numbers been created and placed near each phone?  Yes  No

## Throughout the home Yes No

- Are the floor coverings sound and free of trip hazards?  Yes  No
- Are safety barriers installed at the top and bottom of stairs and steps to prevent falls?  Yes  No
- Are the railings designed to prevent children climbing?  Yes  No
- Has an electrical safety switch been installed and is it operational?  Yes  No
- Have safety covers been fitted in unused power outlets?  Yes  No
- Are power boards used instead of adaptors?  Yes  No
- Make sure power boards are not overloaded!  Yes  No
- Are electrical appliances in good working order?  Yes  No
- Are all electrical appliances switched off and unplugged when not in use and cords stored out of reach?  Yes  No
- Are blind and curtains cords out of children's reach to avoid strangulation?  Yes  No
- Are heaters, open fires and candles screened with a secured guard or inaccessible? Children should be supervised at all times when these are in use.  Yes  No
- Are matches, cigarettes and lighters stored out of reach of children?  Yes  No
- Are smoke alarms installed as per regulations on each floor and near the kitchen?  Yes  No
- Have the smoke alarms have been tested within the last month, are operational, and batteries changed once per year?  Yes  No
- Are button/lithium batteries and products containing button/lithium batteries out of reach of children, stored securely and always disposed of safely?  Yes  No

## Kitchen, dining and alcohol Yes No

- Is access to the kitchen when cooking restricted by use of a secure safety barrier?  Yes  No
- Is a fire blanket/fire extinguisher located in the kitchen?  Yes  No
- Are cleaning and hazardous products such as medications, chemicals, plastic bags, matches and lighters, batteries, etc. stored in a lockable cupboard or are inaccessible to children?  Yes  No
- Do you use rear burners on the stove whenever possible and ensure pot handles are always turned away from the front of the stove?  Yes  No
- Is the stove bolted to the wall to prevent tipping forward?  Yes  No
- Is the dishwasher kept closed at all times?  Yes  No
- Is the microwave positioned out of reach of children?  Yes  No
- Are curtains kept away from stove or other appliances?  Yes  No
- Are knives and other sharp objects stored in a lockable cupboard or out of reach of children?  Yes  No
- Are safety catches installed on drawers and cupboards containing dangerous items?  Yes  No
- Are kettles, toasters and appliance cords kept out of reach of children?  Yes  No
- Are non-slip placemats used instead of table cloths?  Yes  No
- Are hot drinks and alcohol placed out of reach of children?  Yes  No
- Is the highchair stable and fitted with a five point safety harness? A five point safety harness should be fastened whenever highchair is in use.  Yes  No
- Is alcohol stored in a child resistant cupboard?  Yes  No

## Laundry Yes No

- Are hazardous substances such as cleaning products stored in a lockable cupboard or inaccessible to children?  Yes  No
- Are poisonous substances stored in their original container?  Yes  No
- Is the soaking bucket inaccessible to children and have a firm fitting lid?  Yes  No
- Is the iron out of reach of children?  Yes  No
- Is the lint filter in dryer cleaned regularly?  Yes  No

## Living room Yes No

- Is furniture arranged to allow access and to avoid trip hazards and collisions?  Yes  No
- Is the furniture positioned away from windows?  Yes  No
- Are large items of furniture, such as televisions, bookcases and entertainment units, secured to prevent them falling on children?  Yes  No
- Are protective covers placed on sharp corners/edges of furniture?  Yes  No
- Are heaters located at least one (1) metre away from any curtains or other flammable materials?  Yes  No
- Is safety glass or safety film installed to low level glass doors and windows?  Yes  No
- Are stickers or frosting applied to glass sliding doors to prevent collisions?  Yes  No
- Is a separate play space provided for children?  Yes  No
- Are toys checked regularly for damage or loose parts?  Yes  No

## Bathroom Yes No

- Is a hot water temperature device installed so tap water is no hotter than 50°C?  Yes  No
- Are bath taps inaccessible to children?  Yes  No
- Are hazardous products such as shampoos, razors and medications stored in a lockable cupboard or inaccessible to children?  Yes  No
- Are electrical appliances removed from the bathroom?  Yes  No
- Is a non-slip bath mat or floor surface provided?  Yes  No
- Are non-slip stickers or a non-slip suction mat used in the base of the bath or shower?  Yes  No
- Are children supervised at all times in the bathroom?  Yes  No
- Is the room heater out of reach of children (avoid radiating heaters)?  Yes  No
- Is the bath water temperature always tested before putting the child in? Starting with cold, then hot, then finishing with cold water?  Yes  No

## Bedroom Yes No

- Is furniture (including cots and beds) positioned away from windows, blind cords, electrical outlets and ceiling fans?  Yes  No
- Is furniture arranged to avoid trip hazards and collisions?  Yes  No
- Does the cot comply with Australian Standards with cot rails?  Yes  No
- Is the cot mattress firm and does it fit snugly? 50mm apart?  Yes  No
- Is the cot free of soft toys, pillows, bumpers etc.?  Yes  No
- Is the child's bed of safe design? The top section of a bunk bed is NOT recommended for a child of under twelve (12) years of age.  Yes  No
- Does the bunk bed comply with Australian Standards and not in a room with a ceiling fan?  Yes  No
- Are toys stored where children can reach them without climbing?  Yes  No
- Are toys in good condition and suitable for the child's age?  Yes  No
- Is the change table stable?  Yes  No
- Is the change table mat secure?  Yes  No
- Are items needed for changing baby located at an arm's reach of the change table?  Yes  No
- Is a five point safety harness used when changing baby on the change table?  Yes  No
- Is 'low fire danger' nightwear worn?  Yes  No
- Are electric blankets checked prior to fitting them to an older child's bed?  Yes  No

## Garage and shed Yes No

- Is the garage and shed lockable?  Yes  No
- Are poisonous and hazardous substances, such as paint, pesticides and flammable liquids, stored in a lockable cupboard or are inaccessible to children?  Yes  No
- Are power tools and hardware etc. inaccessible to children?  Yes  No
- Do children have restricted access to the garage and shed?  Yes  No