

Working for Change

Safe Kids Fairfield County is working to educate and spread awareness on the importance of creating a safe environment free of hazards that could contribute to serious fall-related injuries or death. Our coalition can provide education AND provide child safety devices such as safety gates and window guards to families in our community

If you are in need of safety devices or want more information please contact :

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Keeping All Kids Safe

Preventing Falls at Home



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FALL PREVENTION

Did You Know?

- **Unintentional falls are the number one cause of non-fatal injury for children.**
- **Thirty eight percent of fall-related injuries in children are among kids 4 and under.**
- **The majority of serious falls happen at home.**

The good news is that the risk of injury can be reduced or prevented by using child safety devices !

Keeping kids safe, room by room



Bedroom

Make sure babies sleep in their own crib (and on their backs). Older children can use toddler beds or bed rails.

When changing or dressing baby, use a changing table with straps or change baby on floor.



Stairs and Windows

Use approved safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs. Gates at top of stairs should be attached to the wall.

Properly install window guards or stops to prevent falls from windows.



Kitchen

Keep babies and young children strapped in when using high chairs, carriers or swings. If baby is in a carrier, place it on the floor and not on top of a table.

Use safety latches for cabinets and drawers to prevent children from using the drawers or shelves as steps as well as to prevent poisonings and other injuries.

Living and Other Areas

Properly fasten televisions, bookshelves and dressers to a wall.

Use corner and edge bumpers on sharp edges of furniture, fireplaces and walls.

Never use baby walkers-use stationary activity centers, instead.

If there are balconies, high porches or decks use guards, netting or gates. Door knob locks can also be used to prevent access.