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TV and Furniture Tip-Over Prevention Tips

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

Most parents do not think of furniture and TVs as dangerous. However, when these items tip-over, serious injuries can occur. Protecting your children from the potential risk of TV and furniture tip-overs is an important part of keeping them safe.

Check TVs and Furniture

- Do a quick check of the stability of all TVs, shelves, dressers and bookcases in your home.



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.



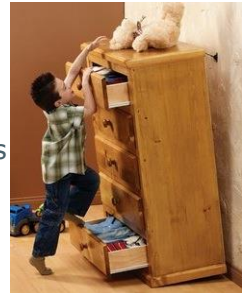
Secure TVs

- 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 TV, place it on a low, wide base, and push it as far back as possible. Check that the size and weight limit of the stand will hold your TV.
- Do not use shelves or dressers as TV stands. These are not made to support the weight of a TV.
- Strap all TVs to a stable stand and/or wall.



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.
- Keep cords from TVs and other appliances tucked away so a child does not pull these items down on himself.



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.

