

NURSERY SAFETY

OVERALL STRATEGY:

- Secure all furniture like dressers, shelves, and changing tables to the wall with straps and brackets.
- Keep cribs, chairs, and other furniture away from windows so kids can't climb up and fall out.

WATCH OUT FOR WINDOWS:

- Keep windows closed when you're not in the room, and install window stops to keep them from opening more than 4 inches.
- Know that window screens aren't designed to be a safety feature. They'll keep bugs out, but won't keep kids in.
- Blind cords can pose a strangulation risk, so get cordless blinds or curtains.
- If your window treatments have cords, here's how you can make them safe:
 - Snip the bottom to get rid of the loop.
 - Keep them out of reach with a cord shortener.
 - Tuck cords up and away, and check them often.

PROTECT THEM FROM PLUGS

- Shield electrical outlets with safety covers.
- Avoid using long cords. If you can't avoid it, use electrical cord shorteners.
- Make sure all cords stay at least three feet away from where your baby sleeps and plays.

GET TO KNOW YOUR FURNITURE

- Dressers & Bookshelves
 - In addition to furniture brackets, keeping heavier items on the bottom can reduce the risk of tip-overs.
 - Add drawer stops so kids can't pull them all the way out.
- Changing Tables
 - Keep a hand on your baby when they're on the changing table.
 - Anchor the changing table and pad to the wall.
 - Use the safety straps.
 - Safely organize diaper-changing products so that they're within your reach but not your baby's.
 - Be extra cautious to keep potentially dangerous items away from their hands and mouths, like containers with small caps, medications, and ointments with chemicals.
- Cribs & Bassinets
 - The crib or bassinet should contain only a firm, well-fitting mattress and a tight fitted sheet.
 - The crib or bassinet should be free of anything that could block their nose and mouth or get wrapped around their neck, including:
 - Blankets, pillows and quilts.
 - Toys and stuffed animals.
 - Bumpers, whether padded, mesh or breathable.
 - Décor and accessories with cords or strings.
 - Use a crib manufactured after 2011 that meets the most current safety standards:
 - Slats should be less than 2 3/8 inches apart.
 - No broken parts or chipped paint.
 - No decorative finials or posts.
 - No drop-side models.
 - No more than 2 fingers should fit between the mattress and the crib itself.

DOWNLOAD THE MAKE SAFE HAPPEN APP

Developed in partnership with the safety experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the app helps you make your home safer. Get room-by-room safety checklists, link to recommended products, and set reminders.



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