



Tips for Parents

Securing Furniture & TVs

- **Keep your televisions on low, sturdy furniture.** Televisions are often placed on high furniture, including dressers, or are not properly mounted to the wall. They are more likely to tip over if not properly secured. The newer designs of TVs have bigger screens and smaller backs, which makes them heavy in the front and even easier to tip over.
- **Use safety products to secure the television set.** Television sets are heavy and hard and if they fall on children and can result in head injuries, broken bones, crushed nerves and internal injuries. Anchors, angle-braces or furniture straps can be used to secure televisions to the wall.
- **Store heavier items on lower shelves or in lower drawers.** Top heavy furniture can tip more easily.
- **Avoid keeping attractive items, such as toys and remotes, in places where kids might be tempted to climb and reach for them.***
- **Remind children to not climb on the furniture.** Children love to climb and use furniture in creative ways, which can become very dangerous.
- **Get on your child's level!** See the world through your child's eyes to identify hazards around your home.

Home can be a safe place for children to learn and grow. However, most injuries to young children do occur in their homes. Children are vulnerable in this environment because their homes and the furniture inside them are built with adults in mind. Children have a natural curiosity about their environment and love to explore and climb, without considering heights, space, furniture or TVs.