



On average, eight children ages 5 and younger die each year as a result of falling out of windows, and 3,300 children are injured.



Window Safety

- Keep windows closed and locked when not in use. When opening windows for ventilation, open windows that a child cannot reach.
- Make a habit of opening the window from the top to prevent accidental falls, if you have windows that open from top and bottom.
- Don't rely on window screens to prevent a fall. They are designed to keep bugs out, not people in.



Child Proofing

- Supervise children at all times. Never let them play near windows, balconies, or patio doors.
- Keep cords away from window coverings and out of children's reach. Use cordless blinds in homes with young children.
- Avoid placing furniture near windows to prevent young children from climbing and gaining access to an open window. Don't allow children to jump on beds or other furniture to help reduce potential falls.



Emergency Escape

- Consider purchasing an emergency escape ladder for every occupied room above the ground floor.
- Use window stops or guards that have emergency release options. These "stops" limit how far a window opens, but allows for quick removal during an emergency.
- Do not install a window unit air conditioner in a window that may be needed to escape (or for a rescue) in an emergency.

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Create a home escape plan that includes two ways out of every room.



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