



Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio

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home safety check-in

WHICH OF THESE ACTIVITIES DO YOU DO TO
KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE?

Slip, Trip, & Fall Hazards

- Keep cords out of walkways and hallways... *run the cord along a wall or ceiling*
- Use a grip mat underneath rugs... *a quick turn could cause you to slip on a mat and cause a serious injury*
- Immediately clean up spills, especially to the floor... *slips and falls are one of the most common at-home injuries*
- Have gates at the top and bottom of staircases... *infants and toddlers can climb and fall down stairs, so it's important to keep them both secure*
- Anchor large furniture to the wall... *every 30 minutes a child receives emergency care due to tipped furniture or falling tv*

Fire Hazards

- Regularly check carbon monoxide and smoke detectors... *batteries can die, and other parts of the device can wear out over time*
- Stay attentive when using the stove... *don't leave it unattended and check for flammable items nearby*
- Keep igniters away from combustibles... *this includes lighters, hot ash trays, etc. away from items likely to catch fire like paper and gas containers*
- Limit connections to power sources... *don't plug several extension cords into each other, use separate outlets*

Water Hazards

- Supervise young children when taking a bath or swimming... *it's possible to drown in as few as 2 inches of water, even in a baby pool*

Poisoning Hazards

- Keep medications out of reach of children, such as in a high cabinet... *medications are the leading cause of poisoning in children today*
- Secure cleaning products and paints with the use of a childproof lock... *cleaning products can irritate your skin, eyes, nose, and throat*

REDUCE YOUR RISKS, LIVE LONGER