

Safety **INSPECTION** **CHECKLIST**—Check It Out!

For Emergencies

- ☐ The emergency phone list has been filled out and is posted.
- ☐ The first aid kit is properly stocked and stored away.
- ☐ I know where the working flashlights, battery-operated radio and extra batteries are located.

To Prevent Wounds

- ☐ Knives, hand tools, power tools, razor blades, scissors, guns, ammunition and other objects that can cause injury are stored in locked cabinets or locked storage areas.

To Prevent Falls

- ☐ Safety gates are installed at all open stairways when babysitting small children and infants.
- ☐ Windows and balcony doors have childproof latches or window guards.
- ☐ Balconies have protective barriers to prevent children from slipping through the bars.
- ☐ The home is free of clutter on the floors, especially on or near stairways.

To Prevent Poisoning

- ☐ Potential poisons, like detergents, polishes, pesticides, car-care fluids, lighter fluids and lamp oils, are stored in locked cabinets and are out of reach of children.
- ☐ Houseplants are kept out of reach.
- ☐ Medicine is kept in a locked storage place that children can't reach.
- ☐ Child-resistant packaging is closed or reclosed securely.

To Prevent Burns

- ☐ Safety covers are placed on all unused electrical outlets.
- ☐ Loose cords are secured and out of the way. Multi-cord or octopus plugs are not used.
- ☐ At least one approved smoke alarm is installed and operating on each level of the home.
- ☐ Space heaters are placed out of reach of children and away from curtains.
- ☐ Flammable liquids are securely stored in their original containers and away from heat.
- ☐ Matches and lighters are stored out of reach of children.
- ☐ Garbage and recycling materials are stored in covered containers.

To Prevent Drowning

- ☐ Swimming pools and hot tubs are completely enclosed with a barrier, such as a locked fence, gate and cover.
- ☐ Wading pools and bathtubs are emptied when not in use.
- ☐ Toilet seats and lids are kept down when not in use.
- ☐ Bathroom doors are kept closed at all times.
- ☐ Buckets or other containers with standing water are securely covered or emptied of water.

To Prevent Choking and Other Breathing Dangers

- ☐ Small objects are kept out of children's reach.
- ☐ The toy box has ventilation holes. If there is a lid, it is a lightweight removable lid, a sliding door or panel or a hinged lid with a support to hold it open.
- ☐ The crib mattress fits the side of the crib snugly and toys, blankets and pillows are removed from the crib.
- ☐ Drape and blind cords are wound up and not dangling.