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.