

TV and Furniture Tip-Over Prevention Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe from TV and furniture tip-overs.

You wouldn't think to bring a baby home from the hospital without a car seat or have your child ride a bike without a helmet. Protecting your children from the potential risk of TV and furniture tip-overs is another important part of keeping them safe.

Check TVs

• Do a quick check of the stability of all TVs in your home.

Secure TVs

Mount flat-screen
TVs to the wall to
prevent them from
toppling off stands.
If you're replacing
your CRT TV with
a new TV, be sure
your flat-panel TV is
properly secured with
a mount that has a

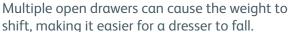


safety certification by an independent laboratory (such as UL, CSA, ETL.) Follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that you have a secure fit.

 If you have a large, heavy, older, box-style cathode ray tube (CRT) TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture.

Secure Furniture

- Use brackets, braces or wall straps to secure unstable or top-heavy furniture to the wall.
- Install stops on dresser drawers to prevent them from being pulled all the way out.





Rearrange Household Items

- Keep heavier items on lower shelves or in lower drawers.
- Avoid placing remote controls, food, toys or other items in places where kids might be tempted to climb up or reach for them.

Recycle Old TVs

 If you no longer use your CRT TV, consider recycling it. To find a location to safely and easily recycle unwanted TVs, go to <u>www.</u> <u>GreenerGadgets.org.</u> <u>Here are some stepby-step tips to help.</u>





Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tipping over. Over the past 10 years, a child visited the emergency room every 45 minutes because of a TV tipping over.

