

Injuries are the leading cause of death in children under age 19

- Burns – Over 300 children under age 19 are treated in emergency room every day.
 - Scalding from hot liquids or steam
 - Hot tap water
 - Flames from open fire
 - BBQ fires
 - Fireplaces
 - Matches
 - Lighters
 - Fire Pits
 - Fireworks
- Drowning – Leading cause of death for children 1 to 14. Drowning can occur in less than one (1”) of water.
 - Swimming pools, spas, ponds , hot tubs without proper fencing
 - Life jackets not worn around natural bodies of water
 - Children left unsupervised in bathtubs
 - Containers holding water
 - Cleaning buckets
 - Ice Chests
 - Fountains
 - Toilets



CHILD/GRANDCHILD SAFETY

- Concussion – Most common cause of a disability or death in children caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head or whiplash
 - Improper head protection while riding bicycles, skating and skateboards
 - Lack of proper technique training in sports
 - Unsupervised playground activities
 - Infants and toddlers falling down stairwells
 - Vehicle accidents caused by failing to use seat belts or improper child seats
- Poisoning – 500,000 under age 5 treated for medication poisoning
 - On the Skin occurs when chemicals spilled on body.
 - In the eye(s) happen when proper safety glasses are not utilized or a chemical exposure from aerosol cans, spills and exposure
 - Ingested by the intake or swallowing a toxic substance, chemical or a prescription medicine into the body
 - Fumes or Gases coming from running cars, units providing heat having poor ventilation, chemicals and fires



CHILD/GRANDCHILD SAFETY

- Suffocations, strangulations and chokings most frequently occur in the home
 - Small items such as coins, toys, marbles, batteries, buttons, caps and other little parts are choking hazards
 - Food account for 50% of airway obstructions. Make sure food being consumed is appropriate for the age
 - Plastic wrappings becomes sticky and adhere to skin, cutting off airflow
 - Jewelry, drawstrings, cords from window treatments, scarfs can get tangled around the neck



CHILD/GRANDCHILD SAFETY

- Household safety is necessary with children and grandchildren in the home. A regular thorough safety check of every room should occur. Out of site out of mind.
 - Proper storage of medicines, cleaning products, toiletries, baby/infant toiletries, jewelry in an elevated location, out of the reach of kids
 - Sharp objects like knives, nail files, scissors, penknives, razors are stored in safe secure location
 - Cautious of crib assembly, too soft of a mattress and fall prevention
 - Protect electrical outlets with plug covers, blocked by furniture and have ground fault interrupters
 - Child-resistant safety latches on cabinets/drawers
 - Stow away electrical appliances
 - Remember some houseplants are poisonous
 - Set heavy objects as TV's back to prevent falling





CHILD/GRANDCHILD SAFETY

Child safety is OUR responsibility as adults.

Children mimic what you do.

- Bottles are colorful
- They see you plug items into outlets
- Watch you take colorful medications

Curiosity abound with intrigue.

HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME!

