



Your Child's Safety Needs

<p>2-4 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a rear-facing infant safety seat properly secured in the back seat. • No blankets or soft toys in crib • Never leave baby unattended, especially with young siblings or pets • Never allow smoking around your baby • Place infant on back or side to sleep • Never leave baby alone in tub of water or high places such as changing tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install smoke detectors if not already in place, make sure to change battery every 3 months • NEVER shake or hit your baby • Do not drink hot liquids or smoke while holding your baby • Feed your baby in a semi-sitting position • Make sure hot water temp is < 120°
<p>2 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with above guidelines and: • Never leave your baby in a mesh playpen or crib with the side rail down • Choose caregivers who are mature, trained, responsible, and recommended by someone you trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep toys with small or sharp parts out of reach • Delay introduction of solid foods until at least 4-6 months of age • Do not put baby to bed with a bottle • Always hold baby while feeding. Do not prop bottles. Babies need love!
<p>4 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with above guidelines and: • Keep all poisonous substances, medicines, cleaning agents, health and beauty aids, and paints locked in a safe place out of child's reach. • Check home for lead poisoning hazards (chipped lead pain, lead dust, lead water pipes, poorly glazed pottery) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not put your baby in an infant walker at any age. • Do not put child to bed with a bottle other than water. • Keep small objects out of reach • Do not give you baby plastic bags or latex balloons • Nurture your baby by rocking, singing, and talking to baby. Read to your baby.
<p>6 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with above guidelines and: • Get on floor and check for hazards at babies eye level • Do not leave heavy objects or container of hot liquids on tables with tablecloths that you baby can pull down • Lower the mattress in your child's crib to the lowest setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the number to poison control nearby each phone: 1-800-222-1222 • Install gates at the top and bottom of stairs and place locks on all windows • Check home for hazards especially hot liquids, electrical outlets, poisons, medicines, dangling cords or table covers • Empty buckets, tubs or pools immediately
<p>9 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with above guidelines and: • Continue rear facing car seat until 1 year AND 20 lbs. If you baby is >20 pounds and >26 in get a convertible car seat for large babies but continue rear facing. • AVOID popcorn, nuts, raw carrots, grapes, hot dogs, celery sticks, raisins, hard candy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce cup, Limit juice to 2-4 ounces per day • Do not give honey anytime in the first year • Keep pet food out of reach • Encourage baby to feed himself • Brush teeth twice daily
<p>12 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with above guidelines and: • Make sure outside doors are lock to pools; never leave water in tub or buckets. • Switch to forward facing safety seat if at least 20 lbs. Always in backseat! • Bolt bookcases, dressers, or stoves to wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn pan handles toward the back of the stove. • Make sure that guns, if kept in home, are always unloaded and locked out of reach of child. • Begin to discontinue baby bottle
<p>15 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with above guidelines and: • Keep all doors to outside locked at all times • Continue to avoid popcorn, nuts, raw carrots, gum. • Never leave unattended around water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit television and videos to <1hr per day • Confine toddlers outside play area within fences or gates, especially around roads • No bottles or cups in bed. Brush teeth daily