

Teach Your Children Rules Of Home Safety

Help keep your home accident-free by teaching children home safety habits. Not only are children subject to home accidents, but children's carelessness is a major hazard to other members of the family.

Here are a few safety habits for children:

1. Teach children to walk, never run in the house. Insist that children keep shoes on. Slipping often offers no resistance to slippery floors.
2. Provide mats outside the front and back doors and teach children to wipe their feet before entering the house. Snow, mud or sticky substances tracked through the house create dangerous areas.
3. Children's toys left carelessly on the floor are a danger to every member of the family. Insist that toys be picked up and put away immediately after play. You'll make it easier to teach your child to put things away if you provide not just one, but several toy boxes in various parts of the house.
4. When children spill things, train them to wipe up grease, spilled milk or water, fruit peelings immediately.
5. If a child breaks any glass object, train him to tell you about it immediately and not to touch it himself. Picking up jagged pieces of glass is a job best left to the adults. It requires extreme care. Use several thicknesses of toweling, even when picking up the large pieces. For the tiny splinters, dampen a paper towel, place over the glass splinters, and use a pad of dry toweling to protect your fingers.

Have you ever seen the twisted steel of an automobile damaged in an accident? If you pause to realize how much more fragile you are than steel, you will wear seat belts every time you enter a car.

When driving, remember that right of way is never something to be claimed. State law and common sense tell us when to stop, when to yield, and how fast we may safely go. Drive safely.

Here's Ten Easy Ways to Plan For An Accident in Your Home

Now's the time to start planning some first-aid accidents in your home. The entire family will want to join in one if they see how easy it is to devise all of the clever accident traps that no home can afford to be without. Here are 10 easy ways:

1. Remove all rubber backing or tacks from area rugs. Falls aren't guaranteed every time someone walks on them, but the suspense will be thrilling.
2. As you discover frayed cords or faulty electrical connections on your appliances, don't bother to repair them. Think of the exciting wall the siren will make as the fire engine arrives.
3. Never throw out any cracked or chipped enamelware. There can't be any truth in the claims of health officials that the dirt and fat caught in the cracks is unsanitary. And what could be more tasty than flakes of vitreous enamel?
4. If the bottom step of the basement stairs is painted white, repaint it to match the rest of the steps at your first opportunity. No point in breaking up the color scheme just to be sure of finding the step so you won't fall while carrying an armload of clothing to the washer.
5. After you've placed sagging pieces of glass in a job, use a dandy hazard for children by using the flat tops for high stacks of books, magazines or other objects that might easily topple. Or, better yet, leave a few sharp-edged or breakable objects on the tops so toddlers can reach them.
6. Next time you're in the basement, leave some copper pennies near the fuse box. When a fuse blows, you can replace it with a penny (less cost than a fuse). Then wait while fire engines.
7. Always overwax tile floors. The slippery surface will assure sprains and fractures for every member of the family.
8. Keep only rags piled in a dry, warm place. It's the best way to produce combustion and, of course, that thrilling siren again.
9. Save all those stale and

outdated drugs in the medicine chest. But don't jam them in tightly. The children may not be strong enough to pull them out when you're not around.

10. Never throw out toys with sharp edges and make sure there are enough broken parts small enough for toddlers to swallow. Never let it be said that you deprive the little ones.

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If you want a cleaner, healthier summer at ground level during hot weather are always less shrubs, advises the American Association of Nurserymen.

For every pound of the dry weight of trees and shrubs in your yard, eleven cubic feet of pure oxygen have been given off; trees and shrubs also help prevent dusts from blowing on your property — the air always is cleaner on the lee side of a group of trees, it is stated.

TEMPERATURE CHANGES health according to the nurserymen.

Plants of course are the world's sole supply of oxygen for breathing purposes.

No joy in nature is so sublimely affecting as the joy of a mother at the good fortune of her child.

—Jean Paul Richter

It takes a heap of nails to hold a house together. A single nail seems almost weightless, but when you add all the framing, siding, roofing, finishing and flooring nails together the total is near 600 pounds.

Instead of criticism by speech, to show someone a better way to do a thing would be of much greater value.

—John Wanamaker

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