



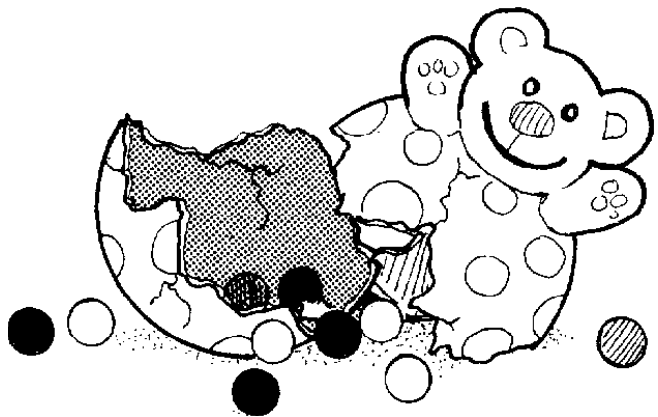
Is Your Baby Safe at Home?

Part 4 — **Hazards**

Parents have learned by experience where dangers are. Young children have not had this experience. They use their five senses — sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste — to get into trouble. So caregivers must supply a sixth sense — a sense of caution.

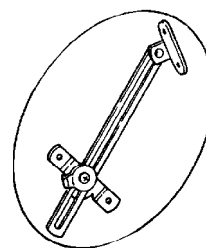
Watch out for these hazards all around the home.

- Breakable glass objects — beverage glasses, figurines, vases
- Buttons, pins, coins, parts of toys
- Cigarettes
- Dangling telephone or curtain cords
- Guns
- Knives
- Lawn mowers
- Marbles, other tiny toys
- Old refrigerators
- Plastic bags
- Plastic toys that break with sharp edges
- Scissors and sewing things
- Stairs
- Throw rugs
- Wading pools, water buckets

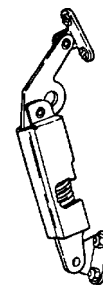


Be sure that you...

- **CHECK** hinges on toy chest lids for safety. If unsafe, install safe hinges or remove lids. Free falling lids can land on children's heads or necks. (See illustration.)
- **SEE** that small objects like buttons, coins, peanuts, and marbles are not where they can be picked up and swallowed. Children should not play with toys under 1 1/4" in diameter — about the size of a half dollar.
- **KEEP** knives, scissors, screwdrivers, pins, and needles where children can't get them.
- **GIVE** children blunt-tipped or plastic scissors for cutting paper.
- **LET** toddlers use only unbreakable cups or dishes.
- **CHECK** and recheck toys for sharp edges. Throw away broken toys.
- **SEPARATE** guns from ammunition and lock in different locations or avoid firearms entirely.
- **DISPOSE** of old refrigerators, or completely remove the doors.
- **SECURE** throw rugs with carpet tape.
- **BLOCK** stairs with safety gates.
- **TAKE** the baby out of and away from a bathtub or wading pool if you must leave for any reason. Wrap the baby in a towel and take him or her with you when you answer the door or the phone.



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