The mission of Charlie’s House is to prevent accidents and injuries to children in and around the home. Unintentional injuries are the most common cause of death in children 1–14 years of age. Recognizing risks and addressing home safety issues are essential steps to reducing injuries and deaths. Here are a few safety tips you can follow to help keep children safe.

- Learn more about household poisons by always checking product labels
- Secure dressers (even short ones), televisions, bookcases & other tip-prone furniture to the wall with furniture straps
- Install safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs
- Keep a list of emergency numbers near the phone
- Use plug covers or caps in all electrical outlets
- Shorten cords on appliances that could be pulled down
- Lock or latch cabinets that children should not get into
- Test smoke alarms and change batteries every 6 months
- Use door knob covers
- Set hot water heater to below 120 degrees Fahrenheit
- Move baby’s crib away from any windows
- Install window blind cord wind-ups
- Apply stove and burner covers
- Use back burners first when cooking
- Purchase a fire extinguisher and store in the kitchen
- Place knives and matches out of children’s reach
- If you have a gun in your home make sure that it is stored unloaded and locked with ammunition stored and locked separately
- Store and keep all liquid nicotine for e-cigarettes away from the reach of children

For additional safety tips and resources and to take a safety house virtual tour, check out our website at www.charlieshouse.org.