

## Playground Safety

### *Safer Playgrounds, Safer Play for Kids*

**More than 200,000 children go to hospital emergency rooms with playground-related injuries each year.**

**And every year, about 15 playground accidents turn fatal.**

Most of the injuries occur when a child falls from the equipment onto the ground.

Unfortunately, many backyard playsets and public playsets are placed on dirt or grass—surfaces that do not protect children when they fall.

Playgrounds challenge children to build essential life skills in a safe environment, like judging risks and making decisions. Safe is the keyword here: if playgrounds are not carefully checked for hazards, we risk children getting hurt in places where they're expected to behave like kids.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a Playground Safety Checklist.

No matter where your kids are playing, remember to check the surfacing first.

Is it the right type? Surfacing should be loose materials such as wood chips, sand, pea gravel, or permanent rubber-like materials.

Is there enough coverage? Surfacing should extend 6 feet out from the edge of playground equipment. Is it in good condition? If surfacing is loose materials, tears, or holes.

Let the organization that oversees the playground know that the playground needs attention and considering finding a new place to play until the playground meets guidelines.

Charlie's House encourages parents and caregivers always to supervise young



children using playground equipment. For example, check for hot metal surfaces on equipment such as those on slides, which could cause burns. And NEVER attach ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, or pet leashes to playground equipment because children can strangle on them.

## Safe Home Safe Child Award

The 1st Annual Safe Home – Safe Child Award recognizes a business, organization, and individual's commitment to injury and accident prevention for children.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 AWARDEES



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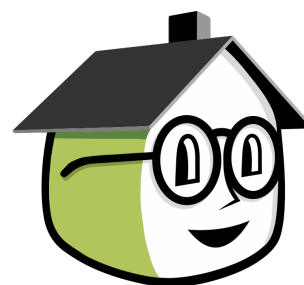
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DATE: September 30, 2021

TIME: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: The Gallery Event Space, 61 E 14th St. KC MO 64105.

To learn more about this event and/or to purchase tickets to attend, please [click here.](#)



SAFE HOME  
SAFE CHILD  
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## SAFETY DEMONSTRATION HOUSE

### *Featuring the Bathroom Area*

One of the most dangerous rooms in your home is the bathroom.

Caregivers should never leave a child unattended in this area featured in our Safety Demonstration House – whether bathing in the bathtub or even



using the toilet.

Here are some examples of the injury and accident prevention tips that we provide in the bathroom:

- Most infant (less than one-year-old) drowning deaths happen in bathtubs (or large buckets of water). Young children can drown in a little as ONE inch of water; that can happen quickly and silently. Avoid distractions and be present with your child at all times while they are in the bathroom.
- Set the water heater thermostat to no higher than 120°F. Hot water scalds are the most common and most severe type of childhood burn.
- Use slip-resistant mats inside and outside of the bathtub or shower.
- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning.
- Keep all medicine locked up.
- Unplug, and store away any electrical devices (such as a razor, hairdryer, or curling iron)

[CLICK HERE](#) for a checklist on bathroom safety

Our Safety Demonstration House is a great resource to assist parents and caregivers with ways to set up their homes to prevent injuries and accidents for children.

## Featured Nursery Safety Devices

**Toilet Locks.** About 25 children between the ages of 2-4 years old die by drowning in a toilet. These devices are easy to install and keep children from opening the lid, throwing things in the toilet, and getting their hands in dirty water.

**Medical Lock Bags/Boxes.** Every 8 Minutes, a Child goes to an Emergency Room for Medicine Poisoning (3 out of 4 times are due to kids getting into a parent or grandparents' medicine). There are several sizes and choices of medical lock bags/boxes available.

**Temperature Ducks.** Every year, more than 43,000 children receive emergency treatment for bathtub and shower-related injuries. Using a temperature duck, a caregiver has a visual tool to make a comfortable bath temperature for their baby.

**Cabinet locks.** A commonplace to store cleaning products is under the bathroom sink. Add locks to both cabinets and drawers.

Visit [Charlie's House Resouce Center](#) to order home safety devices today.

[CLICK HERE to schedule a tour of our Safety Demonstration House](#)

[Click here to take a Safety Demonstration House virtual tour](#)

*Supporting Charlie's House enables us to provide safety*

*information and devices to families. Every year, Charlie's House provides over 10,000 safety devices through our Safety Resource Center, online Safety Supplies, and our community partners - **All at no charge**. Families receiving safety devices and safety education material are income challenged. Your gift helps these families make their homes safer for children.*



**Make Your Gift Today**

Safety Corner is a monthly resource published by Charlie's House, to increase awareness of safety issues and ways to prevent accidents and injuries to children in and around their homes.

