

Keep Playtime Safe



An estimated 224,200 toy-related injuries are treated in emergency departments each year.

An average of 14 children dies each year from toy-related accidents.

Did you know that your child could potentially be in danger while simply playing with their toys? Unfortunately, accidents like choking, falling, burns, and drowning are everyday situations that happen while a child is playing. However, many of these situations are preventable.

It is never okay to leave a child alone while playing, even if it is just for a few seconds. Children are very busy during playtime and curious about everything. In addition, many toys have small pieces that can break away or throw easily.

If you have a toy box, make sure there are vents on it, and the top cannot close down - potentially trapping the child. The best type of toy boxes are ones in which the lid stays in place when opened.

Here are guidelines set in place to ensure that your children's toys are safe.

Toy Safety Checklist

- Throw away small toy packaging pieces after opening.
- Inspect all your child's toys are playing with for damages. Small broken pieces are easy to ingest.
- Put away all toys not being played to prevent falling or other accidents.
- Make sure to buy age-appropriate toys for the child who will play with them.

Check out the following website for more information to ensure your home is safe from accidents while your children play with their toys.

[CLICK HERE to download a TOY-SAFETY checklist.](#)

SAFETY DEMONSTRATION HOUSE

Featuring the Laundry Area

The laundry area is in constant use and contains many products harmful to children if ingested. Make sure to take the time to guarantee that your laundry room is a secure environment for your child to be around.

The laundry room is a featured room in Charlie's House Safety Demonstration House, and some of the examples highlighted during the tour include:



- Adding safety and locking devices prevent children from opening doors to the washer and dryer set.
- Cabinet locks to secure cleaning products out of the reach of children.
- Securing your iron and ironing board to avoid burns and tripping.
- Removing lint accumulating in the dryer vent.

Featured Safety Devices in our Laundry Room

- Cabinet Locks. Cabinet locks help to prevent your child from having any access to everyday household items found within a cabinet. These locks can prevent a variety of accidents from occurring.
- Washer and Dryer Locks. They help prevent children from accidentally closing themselves inside a washer or dryer unit.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a safety checklist for the laundry area

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

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Our Gift Keeps on Giving

This year Charlie's House made history when it opened the first Safety Demonstration House in the nation. On May 6, Charlie's sixteenth birthday, we unveiled this excellent community resource - a gift to the community. Since that time, we have provided more than 350 tours to families, healthcare professionals, and community partners.



You can help us continue giving this gift by donating to support our Safety Demonstration House. Your support assists us with providing safety resources,

educational material, and devices. All of the services we provide are at no cost, and each tour costs approximately \$25 in staff time and safety devices.

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