

Child Safety Checklist



Choose the **right car seat** for your child's weight, height and age.

- Keep children in rear-facing seats as long as possible until the child has outgrown the seat by height or weight.
- Teach your kids from a young age to buckle up every ride, every car, every time.
- Use and install your car seat according to the directions.
- 6 A properly installed car seat should not move more than 1 inch when the base is tugged.
- Watch kids around water. Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult.
- 2 Enroll children in survival swim lessons and learn CPR.
- **3** Install 4-sided fences around home pools.
- Teach children that swimming in open water is different from swimming in a pool.
- **5** Teach children to **wear life jackets**.
- Install **smoke alarms on every level** of your home, inside bedrooms and near sleeping areas.
 - Test alarms every month. Create a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
 - Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and test alarms every month. In a CO emergency, leave your home immediately.
 - Watch children around balconies and windows. Install window guards and safety gates on stairs to prevent falls.
 - **Anchor unstable furniture** to the wall. Use anti-tip brackets or wall straps to secure topheavy furniture to the wall.



Place babies on their backs for naps and at night until they are 1 year old. Make sure babies sleep on a firm, flat surface in their own crib, bassinet or play yard.

- Choose a firm mattress and fitted sheet for baby's crib.
- Remove toys, blankets, pillows, bumper pads and other accessories.
- Oress baby in a wearable blanket or onesie. A loose blanket could cover baby's airway or make their body temperature too high while they sleep.
- **Share your room, not your bed.** Place baby's crib, bassinet or play yard in your bedroom instead of letting baby sleep in the same bed with you.



- **Check equipment.** Make sure your child's bike is the appropriate size and works properly.
- Teach your kids **the rules of the road**. Make sure they know proper hand signals, understand traffic signs and signals.
- **Be sure your kids are seen** while riding. Wearing bright colors, using lights, and wearing reflectors will help them be seen.
- Teach kids to ride on the sidewalk when they can. If not, **ride in the same direction as traffic** as far on the right-hand side as possible.

