

Are your windows and balconies safe for children? This pamphlet has some quick tips to make your home safer for children.

Quick Stats

In Canada, between 1990 and 2000,

362 children fell from windows

Most Common injuries are:

- Concussions
- Skull Fractures
- Fractured limbs

From CHIRPP (Canadian Hospitals Reporting and Prevention Program)

Are your kids safe?

For more information on window and door safety devices check your local hardware or home renovation store.

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Window and Balcony

safety



Children 1-4 years old are at highest risk!

DID YOU KNOW!

Children can easily fall from open windows and balconies. They are curious, top heavy and don't understand the risks of falling from heights.

Falls from high structures often cause serious injuries or death.

Steps to Safety!

Supervision

Actively supervise children near windows and balconies.

Safety Devices

Install safety devices (window guards, window stops) to limit window openings. They prevent a window from opening more than 10 centimetres (four inches).

Remember! Window screens keep bugs out. They are not strong enough to stop children from falling through them!



What to look for...



- Children being supervised around open windows and balconies.
- Windows and balcony doors are locked.
- Safety devices are installed on windows.
- Beds and furniture are away from windows and balcony railings.
- Children are not playing near open windows and balconies.

Set a good example!

Children love to copy what their parents/caregivers do. Be a good role model. Always model safe behaviours.

Never lean over or throw items off your balcony. Even talking from your balcony to someone on the ground can be a dangerous example.



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Take a look...

Take a close look at this room. Look at the windows.

Find the safety hazards in this room.



All windows and balconies are potential hazards to children. Children learn to climb before they can walk. Placing a bed, dresser, and other objects near windows/balconies are a danger to children.

