



Home Safety

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Window Safety

Windows play a critical role in home safety. While windows can be helpful safety tools when it comes to evacuation plans, preventing falls from windows is just as important as learning how to use them in an emergency. With fires and falls among the leading causes of injury and death in young children, it is important to educate yourself and your loved ones in fire evacuation plans and window safety. To learn about evacuation plans, please read the Evacuation Plan Guide found under Home Safety.

Unattended children run the greatest risk of falls and injuries, and when it comes to window safety, there's no substitute for adult supervision.

Please use these tips, taken from the National Safety Council, to help keep you and your family safe.

- **Keep furniture away from windows.** Children may use furniture or other large objects as a climbing aid.
- **Keep windows shut and locked when children are around.** When opening windows for ventilation, open windows that children cannot reach.
- **Do not rely on insect screens to prevent a fall.** Insect screens provide ventilation only and are not designed to prevent a child's fall from a window.
- **Keep children's play in the center of the room.** Closed windows, doors, and balconies can also be seen as danger zones to children at play whether or not they are closed. Children may fall through the glass of the closed structure.