

The Child Accident Prevention Trust

Keeping children safe during lockdown

With the pressures on the NHS, many parents are worried about a trip to A&E with their child.

With home being an accident hotspot for younger children, it's good to know there are small things you can do that make a big difference.

If you put these things high up out of harm's way (and curious little hands), you are winning when it comes to keeping your child safe:

Hot things like drinks and hair straighteners or wands – decide where your safe spots are that you can put hot things down out of reach.

Cleaning things – we've never been so clean, but make sure it's all stored safely away.

Button batteries – they can do a lot of harm to a child's insides if swallowed, so check products, spares and flats and put them out of reach.

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Hot drinks

Your hot drink can scald a baby 15 minutes after it has been made. Look for safe zones in your house where you know your child can't reach your hot drink.



Button batteries

If a button battery - particularly a lithium coin cell battery - gets stuck in the food pipe, they cause deep and extremely fast burns into soft human tissue.

Button batteries are also dangerous if they get stuck in a child's nose or ear.



Cleaning things

Bright bottles of cleaning liquid, squidgy washing tablets, shiny packets of painkillers ... small children are curious and want to learn more by putting things in their mouth. Put products away out of reach as soon as you've used them.



Road safety

Speed is everything when it comes to a child's chances of survival. Keep an eye on your speed. Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can't distract you.



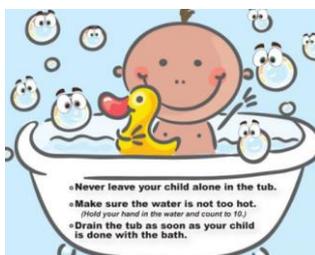
Fire alarms

The smoke from a fire can make you unconscious while you sleep and can kill your child in less than a minute



Drowning

A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. Babies and small children can drown in as little as 5cm of water



Falls

Take care not to put furniture in front of windows so there is nothing for children to climb on to.

Fit safety catches, locks or window restrictors too.

