

Spring Cleaning Safety around the House

1. Use nontoxic products for your cleaning
2. Place playpens, cribs, high chairs away from windows and drapery cords to prevent injury/strangulation to your child.
3. Make sure window guards are in place and make sure you know how to work them in case of an emergency.
4. Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Replace batteries if you did not replace during day light savings time.
5. Make a safety plan for emergency situations (i.e. fires, bad weather, etc). Practice with your children so they will know what to do.
6. Keep all choking hazards out of the reach of those younger than 3 years old.
7. If you use any toxic material, keep out of reach of small children and dispose of properly.
8. Never leave a young child alone in or near water. A young child can drown in only a few inches of water.
9. Take the time to weigh and measure your children. This is very important is determining what type of car seat is appropriate for their use.
10. Make sure the poison control center number is by every phone in your home (1-800-222-1222)

For additional information, check out the Home Safety Council website:

<http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/index.asp>