

# Window safety tips to protect kids from falls



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Always **supervise children** **Around open windows**. Never underestimate a child's mobility; many climb before they can walk.

Install window opening control devices so windows don't open more than **10 centimetres**.

**Place furniture** away from windows to discourage children from climbing.

# Tips to make your home more secure for children and prevent devastating falls



**Install window guards on windows above the ground level.** These can act as a gate in front of the window.



**Install window and door safety locks.** These safety features prevent windows from opening more than 10 centimetres (four inches). Children can fit through spaces as small as 12 centimetres (five inches) wide. Ensure there is a safe release option in case of a house fire.



**Don't underestimate a child's mobility;** children often begin climbing before they can walk.



**Move household items away from windows.** This can discourage children and toddlers from using objects like a step stool to climb and peer out.



**Don't leave children unattended on balconies or decks.** Move furniture or planters away from the edges as children can climb up and over.



**Window screens keep bugs out, not children in.** Most screens pop out easily, allowing children to push through and fall. Toddlers who have a higher centre of gravity can easily fall headfirst through a window screen if they lean against it.



**Talk to your children** about the dangers of opening and playing near windows, particularly on upper floors of the home.

