

Basic Home Safety

1. PRESCRIPTION AND NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DETERGENTS, ETC.
 - a. Keep all drugs, chemicals, detergents, paint, etc. in tightly sealed containers out of reach of children. If children are present in the household, medications should have child-resistant caps.
 - b. Post the telephone number of the nearest Poison Control Center near the telephone.
2. FLOOR AND FURNISHINGS
 - a. Keep walkways clear of objects.
 - b. Keep floors clean and dry.
 - c. Use adhesives to attach rugs or mats to the floors.
3. ELECTRICAL SAFETY
 - a. Do not lay electrical wires across floors, underneath rugs or furniture.
 - b. All electrical appliances should be inspected regularly for safety.
 - c. Inspect all wiring for safety. Exposed or frayed wires should be repaired and replaced immediately.
4. FIRE
 - a. Smoke detectors should be tested regularly.
 - b. Develop an exit plan for all members of the family. Pay special attention to the needs of handicapped members.
 - c. Do not block exits.
 - d. Pay close attention while cooking to prevent fires.
 - e. Do not leave stoves, fireplaces, portable heaters, etc., unattended.
 - f. Inspect chimneys annually for blockage.
5. TELEPHONE
 - a. Post necessary telephone numbers (physicians, HME Specialists, fire, etc.) in a prominent place near the telephone.
 - b. Know when to use the emergency number 911.
6. BATHROOM SAFETY
 - a. Secure bathroom safety devices.
 - b. Secure bathroom equipment.
 - c. Evaluate bathroom for fire hazards, such as space heaters.
 - d. Use tub mats.
 - e. Use adhesive to attach rugs or mats to the floor.