

First Steps in Childproofing your home

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Agenda

- Introduction to the series and UGA Extension
- Childproofing Checklist overview
- Questions





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- In this series, we will go over some basic elements of home maintenance
- Safe and Healthy home for everyone





What is UGA Extension?

- Faculty at the University
- Charged with carrying research into the communities
- 3 areas
 - FACS
 - 4-H
 - ANR





Nearly 2.3 Million children are injured every year and 2,500 killed in accidents



In the Kitchen



Install a stove guard and Knob Covers

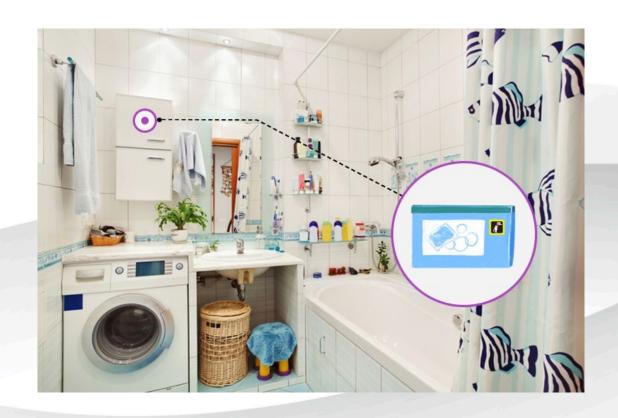








Store household cleaning supplied and laundry products safely







Medications and vitamins stored safely









Always ensure to return dangerous items to their proper location





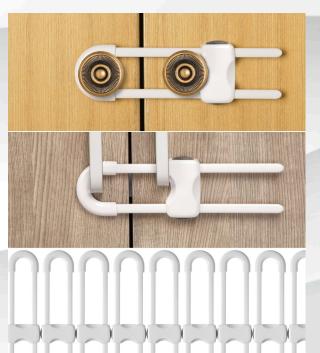


Keep knives, breakables, heavy pots and other sharp objects in a secured area or out of children's reach











Place Mr. Yuk stickers on all poisonous substances

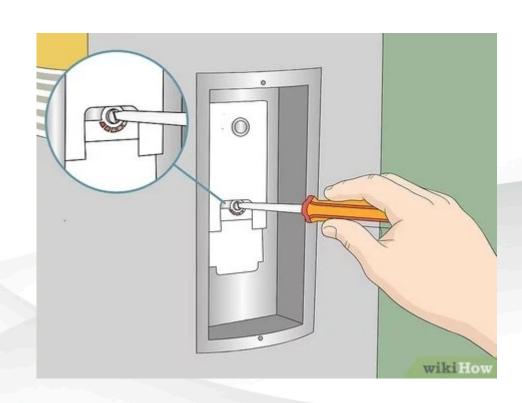


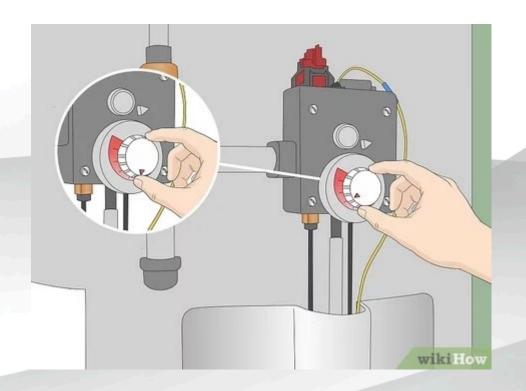
In the Bathroom





Turn your hot water heater down to 120 degrees or lower









Put nonslip mats in and next to bathtubs and showers





In the Bedroom





Install Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors









Install working smoke detectors





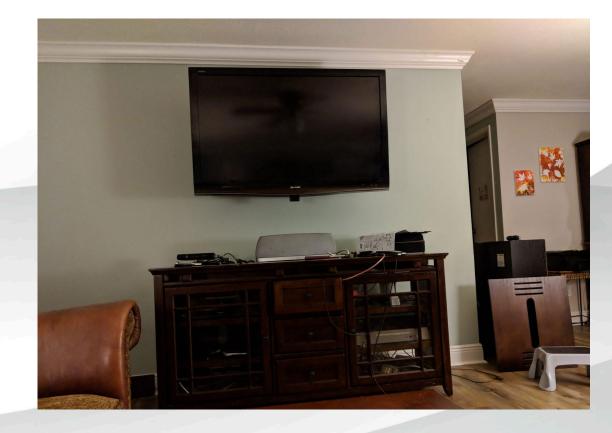
In the Living Room





TV Safety









Add edge and corner guards to any hazardous furniture



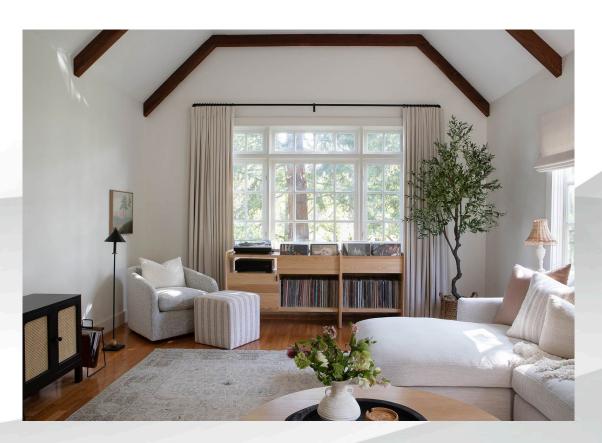






Move furniture away from windows









Secure unstable or top heavy furniture with brackets, braces or wall straps







In the Garage





Lock up sharp tools and harmful products





Other areas in the home





Use outlet covers or block with furniture



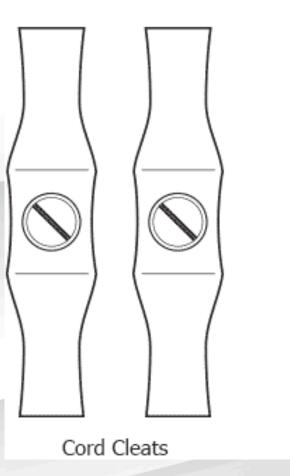


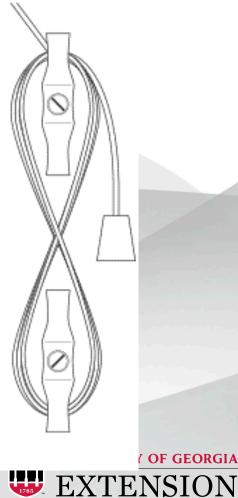




Cut looped window blind cords









Other tips

- Place the number for Poison Control Center Help Hotline (800-222-1222) In several locations around your home
- Be mindful of purses or other bags you carry with you often outside the home, place them on high shelves where children cannot reach



