



Home Safety Checklist – Under 5s

Date of Visit: _____

Name of Home Safety Adviser: _____

Source of Request: _____

Client Details

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Postcode _____

Preferred Contact? _____

1. Type of Dwelling?

Terraced Semi-detached Detached Maisonette Bungalow Flat

Other (please specify) _____

2. Who owns the property?

Home owner Housing Executive Housing Association Private Landlord

Other (please specify) _____

3. Total number of adults normally living in the home _____

Total number of children under 5 years of age _____

4. Has anyone sought medical help in the last year because of an accident at Home?

Yes No

If yes briefly describe what happened and to whom?

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1. PORCH/HALL/STAIRS/LANDING

1.

			Is It SAFE?		
Q	Item to be checked	What to look for	Yes	No	N/A
1.1	Front door/glazed areas	Is safety glass used?			
Action:					
1.2	Entrance area/Hallway	Free of trip hazards, including Prams/Bikes			
Action:					
1.3	Staircase/Landing	Free from obstructions?			
Action:					
1.4	Staircase	Are stair gates present?			
Action:					
1.5	Staircase	If stair gates are in place, are they securely fitted in the right place and used safely by children and adults at all times? Adequate number?			
Action:					
1.6	Hall and stair lighting	Is it safe? If a child rises during the night, are they able to see where to go?			
Action:					
1.7	Hand rail(s)/banister	Fitted and secure? Are balustrades safe and secure with no wide gaps?			
Action:					
1.8	Stair carpets	Non-slip/trip, securely fitted and free from wear?			
Action:					
1.9	Smoke detector	Present/working/checked regularly/test date?			
Action:					

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2. LIVING/DINING AREAS

			Is It SAFE?		
Q	Item to be checked	What to look for	Yes	No	N/A
2.1	Lighting	Is it safe? Is it adequate?			
Action:					
2.2	Flexes	No trailing flexes?			
Action:					
2.3	Floor coverings/rugs	Non-slip/trip? Rugs removed or taped down?			
Action:					
2.4	Furniture	Positioned to allow easy and safe access around room? Are sharp edges cushioned? Are heavy items of furniture securely fixed?			
Action:					
2.5	Internal/external glass	Is safety glass used? Check doors, windows and furniture			
Action:					
2.6	Fires/heaters	Are all fires/heaters fitted with a securely fixed guard and a spark guard? Regularly maintained and serviced? Firelighters and matches out of reach?			
Action:					
2.7	Table	Table cloth removed? Corners cushioned?			
Action:					
2.8	Windows	Are they safe? Window restrictor bars in use?			
Action:					
2.9	Toys	Stored safely? Appropriate for age of child? Older children's toys tidied away?			
Action:					

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3. KITCHEN

			Is It SAFE?		
Q	Item to be checked	What to look for	Yes	No	N/A
3.1	Lighting	Is it safe?			
Action:					
3.2	Floor and coverings	Non-slip/trip, secure.			
Action:					
3.3	Internal/glazed doors	Is safety glass used?			
Action:					
3.4	Flexes	Out of reach and towards back of surface? No trailing flexes on any level?			
Action:					
3.5	Furniture	Clear passageway free from obstruction?			
Action:					
3.6	Loose furnishings (Bins/storage racks etc)	Positioned safely? Bin out of reach?			
Action:					
3.7	Cupboards/drawers	Not accessible to children? Are dangerous items secured away (knives etc)			
Action:					
3.8	Cooking Equipment	Not accessible to children, including microwave?			
Action:					
3.9	Cooker and cooking	When cooking are the back rings of the cooker used first? Handles facing away from front edge of the cooker?			
Action:					



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3. KITCHEN Continued

			Is It SAFE?		
Q	Item to be checked	What to look for	Yes	No	N/A
3.10	Spillages	Are spillages cleared up immediately?			
Action:					
3.11	Food	Are children supervised whilst eating?			
Action:					
3.12	Hot drinks	Kept out of reach of children at all times? Adults never hold children whilst drinking hot drinks?			
Action:					
3.13	Cleaning products, chemicals, medicines	Stored in a high secure cupboard? Out of sight and out of reach of children?			
Action:					
3.14	Highchairs	Children securely strapped in, using a 5 point harness? Positioned safely away from hazards? Folded away when not in use?			
Action:					

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4. CHILD'S BEDROOM

			Is It SAFE?		
4.1	Windows	Restrictor bars? Blind and curtain cords safe (cut or out of reach)? Is furniture away from windows?			
Action:					
4.2	Floor and coverings	Free from trip hazards/toys/clutter? Carpets/rugs secure?			
Action:					
4.3	Bunk beds	Top bunk only used by children over the age of 6yrs?			
Action:					
4.4	Toys	Are all toys appropriate for age of child?			
Action:					
4.5	Furniture	Positioned safely with clear access around room?			
Action:					
4.6	Nightwear	Is it flame retardant? Is it well fitted so as not to cause a trip hazard?			
Action:					
4.7	Flexes	Positioned safely to avoid a trip/pull hazard?			
Action:					

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5. BATHROOM

			Is It SAFE?		
Q	Item to be checked	What to look for	Yes	No	N/A
5.1	Lighting	Is it safe?			
Action:					
5.2	Floor and coverings	Non-slip/trip, secure?			
Action:					
5.3	Windows	Restrictor bars?			
Action:					
5.4	Bath	Cold water used first when filling the bath? Use elbow to check temperature of water?			
Action:					
5.5	Bathing	Is an adult present and supervising in the room at all times during bath time?			
Action:					
5.6	Electrical appliances	Removed and not used in bathroom?			
Action:					
5.7	Bathroom cleaners	Are they removed from the bathroom and stored in a high secure cupboard in the kitchen?			
Action:					
5.8	Cosmetics/perfumes	Are they stored securely, out of reach and out of sight?			
Action:					
5.9	Medicines/vitamins	Stored securely, out of reach and sight?			
Action:					
5.10	Razors/scissors	Kept out of reach and sight at all times?			
Action:					

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6. GARDEN/OUTDOORS

			Is It SAFE?		
Q	Item to be checked	What to look for	Yes	No	N/A
6.1	Paths/driveway	Are they clear of obstructions and not a slip/trip/fall hazard?			
Action:					
6.2	Garden/DIY	Are all tools and chemicals stored in a locked shed/garage immediately after use?			
Action:					
6.3	Fences	Are they safe and secure with no footholds?			
Action:					
6.4	Ponds	Are they safely covered over, fenced off, filled in?			
Action:					
6.5	Paddling pools	After use, are they always emptied and tidied away?			
Action:					
6.6	Play equipment	Good repair, no sharp edges, in a safe area?			
Action:					
6.7	Garages/sheds	Locked at all times?			
Action:					
6.8	Buckets/receptacles	Items removed from garden that could hold rain water (buckets, pots etc)?			
Action:					
6.9	Poisonous plants	Gardens may contain poisonous plants/trees. Are children discouraged from touching plants/berries etc?			
Action:					

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7. GENERAL SAFETY ITEMS

			Is It SAFE?		
Q	Item to be checked	What to look for	Yes	No	N/A
7.1	Smoke detectors	Are they present, sited correctly, properly maintained and checked weekly?			
Action:					
7.2	Fire escape plan	Do they have one? Have they practiced it?			
Action:					
7.3	Night time routine	Do they remove plugs/close interior doors / ensure cigarettes/candles are extinguished?			
Action:					
7.4	Alcohol	Locked away/out of reach?			
Action:					
7.5	Ironing	Is the ironing done when the children are not around? Is the iron left to cool in a safe place out of sight and out of reach?			
Action:					
7.6	Matches/lighters	Stored securely out of sight and out of reach of children?			
Action:					
7.7	Choking hazards	Are small items always out of reach? (coins/screws/buttons etc)			
Action:					
7.8	Poison hazards	Cosmetics/perfumes/medicines stored securely away from all rooms?			
Action:					
7.9	Any existing safety equipment	Is it used correctly and is it suitable for purpose?			
Action:					



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REPORT

What advice, leaflets, equipment etc did you leave with the family?

Additional comments
