

Safety checklist

How safety savvy are you? Go through this list to be sure

In the kitchen:

- The oven door is secured with an appliance latch.
- Knives, forks, scissors, breakable items, heavy pots and other dangerous items are locked up in drawers or cupboards with safety latches.
- All handles are secure, and not loose.
- When put in the dishwasher or draining board, knives, forks, scissors and other sharp implements are not exposed upright.
- The stove has a plastic stove guard and knob covers.
- Electrical appliances are unplugged when not in use with the cords tucked safely out of the way using a hide-a-cord device.
- All unused outlets have safety plugs.
- Cleaning fluids, hand sanitisers, mothballs and other potentially hazardous items are in a cupboard fitted with a lock or stored in a high cupboard with a safety lock.
- A smoke detector has been installed.
- All pot handles are turned inward toward the back of the stove when cooking.
- The rubbish bin is kept in an inaccessible cupboard or is fitted with a childproof lock.
- The fridge is secured with a latch.

In the living room:

- If you have a fireplace, you have a fireguard attached to the wall.
- All sharp corners have been padded with furniture padding.
- Window-blinds and curtain cords are looped out of reach.
- Loose rugs are firmly anchored with non-slip devices.
- Furniture that can topple (bookcases, chest of drawers) are secured to the walls.
- Flat screen TVs are anchored with baby straps.
- Heavy items that can topple is kept on low, sturdy furniture, pushed back as far as possible.
- Tall, unstable lamps are secured behind furniture.
- All unused electrical outlets have safety plugs and all cords are secured with hide-a-cord devices.
- You have made sure that all plants in the house are non-poisonous.
- Sliding glass doors and other expanses of glass are marked with a colourful sticker.
- You have a list of emergency numbers next to the phone.

