

Preventing tip-over injuries

Injuries and deaths can happen when kids climb or pull themselves up on bookshelves, dressers, desks, chests and TV stands. A piece of furniture or the TV can fall on the child.

Flat screen TVs can be easily pulled off a TV stand or table, because they are heavier on top and tip easily. Large and heavy old-style TVs on dressers or high furniture can also tip over if a child climbs on it.

General safety

- Do not put items that your child might want on top of the TV or furniture. Anything you do not want your child to have, like the TV remote, should be kept out of sight.
- Never let children climb on tables, TV stands, dressers or bookshelves.
- Keep cable and electrical cords out of the reach of children to prevent children from pulling TVs or other appliances down on themselves.

TV safety

- Keep your TV on low, sturdy furniture and as far back as possible.
- Mount flat screen TVs to the wall. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to make sure you mount it the right way.



Furniture safety

- Anchor furniture and TV stands to the wall or the floor. Use the proper hardware, such as brackets or furniture straps.
- Put stops on dresser drawers to keep them from being pulled all the way out. If several drawers are open, the weight will shift and could cause a dresser to fall.



Household items

- Keep heavy items on lower shelves or in lower drawers.
- Make sure freestanding kitchen stoves are installed with anti-tip brackets.

Information and pictures from U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Safe Kids Worldwide.

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