

# Activity 20

## Child Safety

Children do not understand the dangers that surround them. In their eagerness to explore, they can easily hurt themselves. Caregivers need to know about childproofing a home and about preventing accidents.

**Part I Directions:** For each danger in the left column below, explain in the right column the childproofing measure you would take to protect a child.

Potential danger to the child:	How would you protect the child?
1. Staircase	1.
2. Exposed electrical outlet	2.
3. Cleaning supplies in cabinet under the kitchen sink	3.
4. Plastic bags in kitchen drawer	4.
5. Medicines in bathroom cabinet	5.
6. Poisonous plant on coffee table	6.
7. Knives in silverware drawer	7.
8. Glass vases on low bookshelf	8.

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**Part II Directions:** The sentences below are all concerned with preventing accidents. Complete each sentence with the missing word or words.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Keep all young children away from wires and electrical \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Make sure toys are age-appropriate and free of \_\_\_\_ parts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Keep plastic bags away from children in order to prevent \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. To prevent cuts, keep knives and \_\_\_\_ items away from children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. When in a vehicle, make sure children ride in a secured child \_\_\_\_ seat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. To protect children from fires, make sure that there is a \_\_\_\_ alarm on every floor of the home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. To prevent fires, keep all \_\_\_\_ and lighters away from children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. When cooking, turn pot handles \_\_\_\_ from the edge of the stove.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. When cooking, avoid wearing clothes with long, full \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. If you smell smoke, get everyone out of the house, then call the fire department from a \_\_\_\_ home or phone booth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Keep all poisonous items in \_\_\_\_ cabinets, out of children's reach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. If you suspect that a child has been poisoned, call the \_\_\_\_ control center.

# Activity 21

## Choosing Toys for Children

When choosing toys for children, safety must always be uppermost in your mind. Think about the age of the child, and what the child can, and cannot, do at that age.

**Directions:** The illustration on the next page provides lists of toys that are appropriate for children of different ages. Study the lists, and think of what you have learned about children's stages of development. Then choose one or more toys from each list, and explain in the chart below how you would make sure the toys are safe, as well as appropriate. An example has been done for you.

Child's Age	Toys	Safety Concerns
0–6 months	Stuffed toys	Make sure there are no loose parts that the infant could pull off and swallow.
7–12 months		
1–2 years		
2–3 years		
3–5 years		

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<b>Birth— 6 Months</b>	<b>7–12 Months</b>	<b>1–2 Years</b>	<b>2–3 Years</b>	<b>3–5 Years</b>
<div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crib mobiles</li> <li>• Unbreakable mirrors</li> <li>• Rattles</li> <li>• Stuffed toys</li> <li>• Clutch balls</li> </ul>	<div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nesting toys</li> <li>• Stacking toys</li> <li>• Cloth balls</li> <li>• Blocks</li> </ul>	<div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take-apart toys</li> <li>• Push-pull toys</li> <li>• Small wagons</li> <li>• Rocking horses</li> <li>• Riding toys with wheels</li> <li>• Balls</li> <li>• Dolls</li> <li>• Sturdy books</li> </ul>	<div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crayons</li> <li>• Clay</li> <li>• Books</li> <li>• Large blocks</li> <li>• Large beads to string</li> <li>• Blunt scissors</li> <li>• Plastic or wood tools</li> <li>• Play dishes</li> <li>• Sandbox</li> <li>• Tricycle</li> </ul>	<div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dolls to dress</li> <li>• Modeling dough</li> <li>• Finger paint</li> <li>• Educational card games</li> <li>• Books</li> <li>• Puppets</li> <li>• Puzzles</li> <li>• Trucks</li> <li>• Trains</li> <li>• Outdoor gym equipment</li> </ul>