

# September is National Baby Safety Month!

Here are a few tips to help keep your home “baby safe”.

- Use cabinet locks on cabinets which have poisons, such as antifreeze, cleaners, detergents, etc.
- Post the Poison Control Hotline number next to your phone or on your refrigerator.
- Keep medicine in its original containers and keep them out of the reach of small children. Put your infant to sleep on his or her back.
- Remove any stuffed animals, soft bedding, and pillows from your baby’s crib.
- Use the safety straps on highchairs and changing tables.
- Use safety covers on unused electrical outlets.
- Test small toys for choking hazards.... if it fits in a toilet paper roll, it is too small to be around small children.
- Pick up any small items, such as coins, staples, paper clips or buttons, which can be choking hazards for infants and toddlers.
- Put hot food and especially drinks down before picking up a small child or when carrying a baby.
- Remove all plastic bags from your baby’s nursery and children’s rooms.
- If young children live in or visit your home, move furniture, especially baby cribs, away from the windows to prevent children from climbing up to look out and accidentally falling.
- Tie window covering cords out of a small child’s reach.
- Tour your home from a small child’s perspective-look for potential dangers to correct.
- Check your child’s bath water temperature (use your wrist or elbow) to make sure it is not too hot.
- Always drain bath water immediately after bathing.
- Keep the toilet lid shut to prevent little fingers from getting slammed by a falling lid.