

BALCONY SAFETY

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- ✓ Do lock doors and windows when the balcony is not being used.
- ✓ Do take notice of balcony rails/fences. The standards older buildings were built under (that continue to apply to them) may be different from today's standards. New rails/fences on balconies must be at least 1m high, with no gaps wider than 12.5cm. On high balconies footholds must be restricted to prevent climbing.
- ✓ Do keep an eye out for potentially dangerous balconies when visiting other people's homes and keep a close eye on your child.
- ✗ Don't put furniture and pot plants near balcony edges, because children can climb or stand on them.
- ✗ Don't put lightweight furniture on the balcony. Children can drag it to the edge.



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WINDOWS AND BALCONIES



WINDOW SAFETY

Each year around 50 children fall from windows or balconies. Many suffer serious injuries. Some of these falls are fatal.

There are steps you can take to **help prevent these incidents.**

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- ✓ Do fix windows open at no more than 10cm (and ensure they can only be opened by adults), or fit secure window guards.
- ✓ Do keep furniture and other things children can climb on, away from windows.
- ✓ Do keep an eye out for potentially dangerous windows when visiting other people's homes and keep a close eye on your child.
- ✓ Do cover low windows with shatter resistant film if safety glass is not installed, to prevent children from cutting themselves if they run into them.
- ✗ Don't rely on flyscreens to keep children in – they are designed to keep insects out, they are not strong enough to hold children in.

Always supervise your child closely.



Children are curious but are not alert to danger.

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