



Children's Hospital
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Trauma Program



**Finding Hazards in the
Home** TM

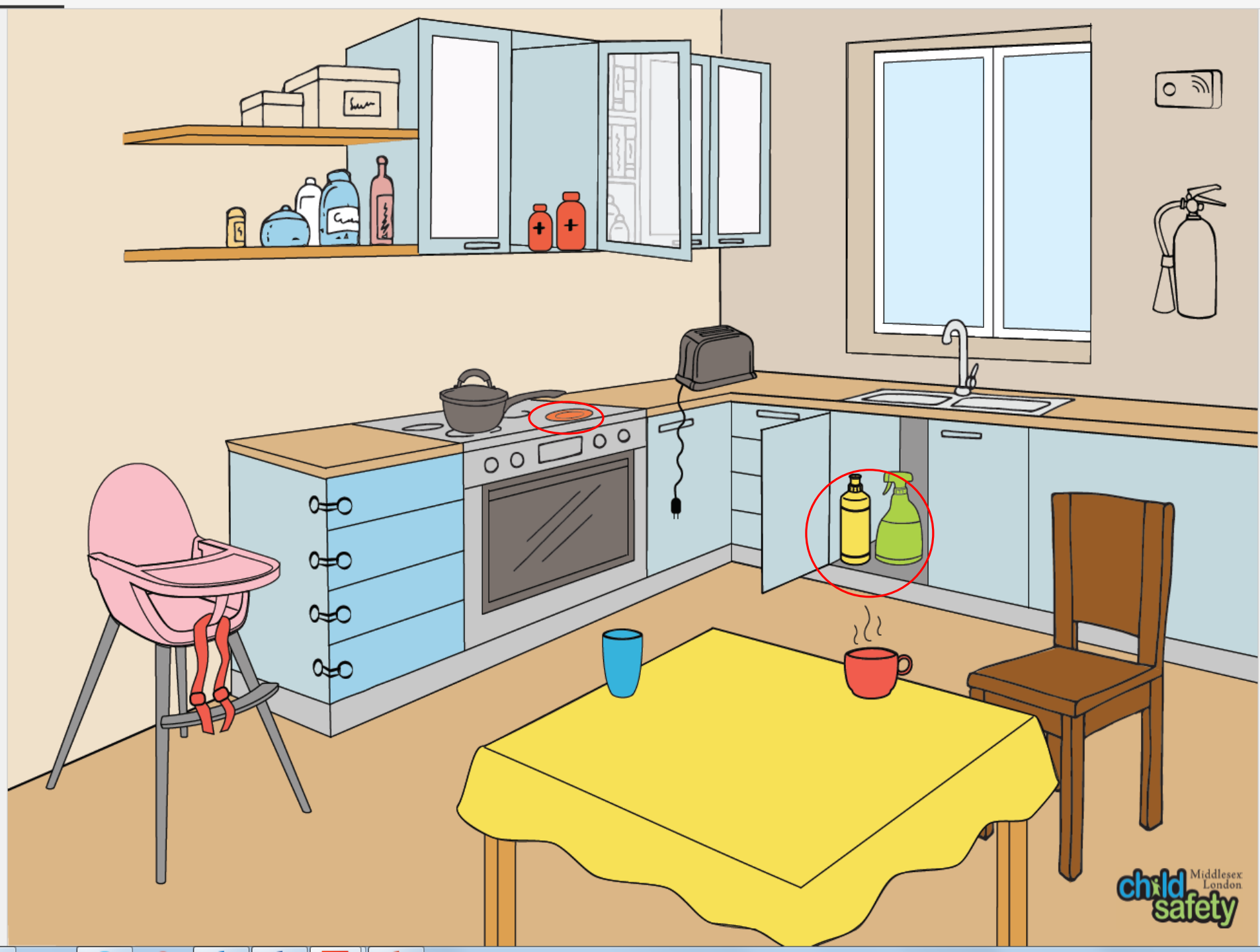
Representation



Rationale for Development



- Wanted more of an activity to guide education in prenatal classes
- Align with Prevent Child Injury methodology
 - **What? So What? Now What?**









Bathroom - Where Could a Fall Happen?



Identify the hazards that could cause a child to fall:

1. _____
2. _____

How could you prevent these falls?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Where to find the activity

- <https://www.fallpreventionmonth.ca/children/take-action-children/ideas-for-activities-/finding-hazards-in-the-home>

Home Safety Checklist

A Home Safety Checklist



This checklist will help you find areas in your home that may not be safe.



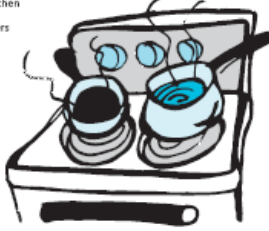
- Bathroom**
- Adult always present while child is in the bathroom or bath/tub
 - Water heater turned down to 49°C or 120°F
 - Always run cold water before hot and always turn cold water off last
 - Bath water temperature always checked with elbow before putting child in
 - Expired medicines returned to the pharmacy
 - Slip-free surface in tub and free of bath seats
 - Bathroom doors kept closed to keep children out
 - Locked bathroom doors can be opened from outside

- Window blind cords secured out of reach
 - Locked bedroom doors can be opened from outside
 - Guardrails on all upper bunks (no child under six years on upper bunks)
- Indoor Play Areas**
- Toys put away to avoid dangers on the floor
 - Batteries removed from toys in storage
 - Toys are age appropriate
 - No baby walkers
 - Toy cautions:
 - no small pieces that can cause choking
 - no sharp corners or edges
 - no joints that can pinch fingers
 - painted with non-toxic paint
 - no broken toys



- Stored out of reach:**
- medicines and vitamins
 - electrical appliances
 - sharp objects
 - garbage
 - cleaning supplies
- Bedroom**
- Crib meets current safety standards
 - No bumper pads or toys in the crib
 - Mobile out of reach
 - Always keep one hand on child while child is on change table
 - Diaper pail and changing supplies out of reach

- Kitchens**
- Adult always present while child is in kitchen
 - Safety latches on cabinets and drawers
 - High chair has wide base and harness
 - Pot handles turned inward on the stove
 - No tablecloths
 - Food treats and attractive items stored away from the stove
 - Working fire extinguisher



- Stored out of reach:**
- cleaners and chemicals
 - vitamins and medicine
 - knives and sharp utensils
 - matches
 - plastic bags and plastic wrap
 - glass and breakables
 - small appliances
 - garbage
- General Living Areas**
- Sharp edges on furniture padded
 - Bookshelves and tall furniture fastened to wall
 - Window blind cords secured out of reach
 - Rugs or runners tucked down or slip-free
 - Working smoke alarms on each floor
 - Working carbon monoxide detectors
 - TV and electrical equipment stored securely
 - Safety rails or screens on fireplaces and woodstoves
 - Chimney inspected and cleaned every year
 - Guns stored unloaded in locked cases with ammunition stored separately
- Stored out of reach:**
- heavy or breakable objects
 - plants
 - ashtrays/cigarettes/butts
 - coins
 - balloons
 - wire clothes hangers
 - purses

Did you know?

Safety measures cannot make a house completely safe or replace your supervision.

- Windows**
- Windows above the first floor secured
 - Chains and cords on blinds and curtains out of reach
 - Furniture away from windows

- Electrical Outlets and Fixtures**
- Switches and outlets have cover plates
 - Electrical cords out of reach but never under rugs or stapled to baseboards
 - Extension cords kept to a minimum
 - All sockets in light fixtures have bulbs in place

- Unused outlets covered with safety plugs on:**
- Wall outlets
 - Extension cords
 - Power bars

- Stairs and Railings**
- Safety gates at the top and bottom of all stairways (top gate must be approved for use on stairs)

- No loose carpeting, toys or uneven steps
- Stairs well lit
- Protective walls and railings on stairs, porches and balconies

- Outdoor Areas of the Home**
- Children in water or near water (pools, streams, puddles etc.) always within reach
 - Children always within arms' reach while outdoors
 - Gardening tools and chemicals locked in shed or garage
 - Home play structures inspected regularly and fixed promptly
 - Outdoor play areas kept separate from driveways and street traffic



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This checklist is intended as a reference tool only. Installing safety products can help reduce unintentional injuries but is not a substitute for adult supervision. Supervision is the most important thing you can do to protect your children.

Most injuries to young children happen in the home. This checklist will help you find areas in your home that may not be safe.



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Beamer the Safety Bug's checklist for families with children 0-6 years Safe Adventures Start at Home

Home Safety Device Program



Bathtub Temperature Thermometer



Cabinet Locks



Doorknob Covers



Outlet Covers

Questions/Comments

