



Babyproof Your Backyard

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- Block opening from the balcony railing:** Block any openings of the railings more than 4 inches wide. Use chicken wire net, Plexiglas, or this safety Railnet to cover the balcony opening.
- Empty kid's pool after use:** Always empty the kid's pool when not in use. Also, store it upright to avoid rainwater from filling it.
- Install a fence around the pool:** If you are lucky enough to have a pool, ensure it is surrounded by a fence and lock the door. To be extra careful, you could install an alarm on the pool door.
- Empty open-air drain from excess water:** After rain or snowfall, always check for any accumulations of water and drain it off.
- Childproof the pool deck:** A fence should surround your pool deck. The door to the pool should have a lock and close automatically. The door latch should be childproof, don't just put a padlock because kids can easily forget to open it.
- Don't leave your baby unattended around the pool:** This is important, and we never say it enough. Never, ever, even for a second, let a child by the pool unattended. Too many accidents could have been avoided if parents didn't take the chance.
- Install backyard fences and latches:** Test the sturdiness of your backyard fences and gates. Also, you should install latches and an automatic closing mechanism on doors. This gate will prevent your kids from going in the street or beside the pool.
- Store away gardening tools:** Put them in a locked shed.
- Create a kid-safe area:** Kids love the backyard and should be allowed to play freely. To do so, you must fence off some areas, like bbq, tool shed, or other dangerous structures.

Keep your baby in the shade: When you are enjoying a sunny day outside, it's better if your kid is playing in the shade, but if you don't have a choice, remember to put sunscreen on your kid.

Make sure the deck is well sanded: Your baby will crawl all over the deck, so you better make sure it's splinter-free. Also, check for loose railing and nails sticking out.



For more tips on how to keep your children safe at home, check out:

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