



# Furniture Safety Checklist

Simple Steps to Help Your Family Reduce Furniture Risks

Furniture-related accidents in the home cause thousands of injuries every year. Here are 5 simple steps to help keep everyone, especially children, safe.

- ✓ **Close the drawer on tip-overs.** The [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) reports thousands of children are injured every year due to **furniture tipping over** and falling on them, and more than 100 have been killed in tip-over accidents since 2013. Even lighter weight and shorter furniture can tip, so anchor it even if you think it won't tip, even if you think your child won't climb. Additional precautions you can take include storing heavier items in bottom drawers and keeping remote controls, toys and other tempting items off the tops of TVs and furniture where children can see but not reach them.
- ✓ **Stay on top of bunk bed safety.** Bunk beds are a blast for kids and a great space-saver for small bedrooms. But the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says children under age 6 should never use the top bunk, and for good reason. More than half of all bunk bed-related injuries involve kids under 6. [Current standards](#) call for precise measurements for the top railings, no finials or post extensions on the top bunk, and a detailed warning label that includes the exact size mattress recommended for both bunks.
- ✓ **Relax safely.** Reclining furniture is fascinating to small children, especially if it has power features. But fingers and limbs can be pinched by a folding footrest, so it's best to keep kids in view when closing your recliner or lift chair.
- ✓ **Keep safety in clear view.** An estimated 2.5 million people – mostly children under 7 and adults in their early 20s – injure themselves on **glass tabletops** each year. Make sure any glass tabletop, whether inside or outside, is tempered glass. Here's how you tell: Tempered glass has a distinctive grid pattern that is visible through the polarized lenses of sunglasses. Tempered glass is stronger and safer than non-tempered, because it breaks into small pieces rather than jagged shards.
- ✓ **Stay tuned to TV safety.** Since 2013, nearly 100 children have been killed by **TV tip-over** accidents. If possible, wall-mount all TVs in your home. Place any that cannot be wall-mounted on a low, sturdy cabinet, and secure the TV to the wall or to the furniture with a TV anchor. *Never* place a TV on furniture that was not built to hold electronics.