



Glass Tabletop Safety Checklist

Simple Steps to Help Your Family Reduce Furniture Risks

An estimated 2.5 million people – mostly children under age 7 and young adults in their early 20s – are injured by broken glass tabletops every year. Here are 5 simple steps to help keep everyone, especially children, safe.

- ✓ **Choose tempered glass.** Make sure that any glass tabletop, whether inside or outside on the patio, is made of tempered glass. Here's an easy trick for determining whether the glass is tempered: Look at the tabletop through a pair of sunglasses with polarized lenses. Tempered glass has a distinctive grid pattern that is visible when viewed through polarized lenses. It is stronger than non-tempered glass and safer because it breaks into small pieces rather than jagged shards.
- ✓ **Consider protective corner guards.** If the glass is not surrounded by a wood frame, consider protective corner guards if there are small children in the household. These corner guards will help soften the impact if a toddler falls into the table.
- ✓ **Regularly inspect the glass.** Be on the lookout for any small cracks or chips that might compromise the glass. If you notice any damage, have it repaired immediately or replace the table.
- ✓ **Prohibit horseplay.** Glass tabletops are not suitable in any rooms where children play. A dropped toy, an accidental fall or normal rough-housing can lead to tragic consequences.