

Stop the Summer Epidemic

Window Safety for Kids



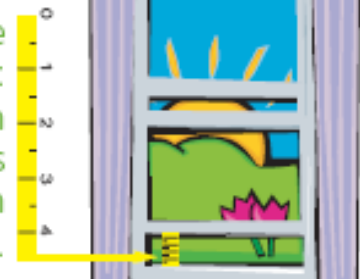
Did you know?

- Falls from windows are an important cause of injury in childhood.
- Every year almost 5,000 children are injured after window falls.
- Most children who fall are between 2 and 5 years old.
- Most falls happen in the spring and summer months, when windows are open.
- **Most of these falls are preventable.**

Small steps can save a child's life:

- Always supervise small children.
- Never open windows more than 4 inches.
- Open windows from the top down, if possible
- Move furniture away from windows

Follow the 4-inch rule: don't open windows more than 4 inches.



Remember:

Screens keep bugs out, not kids in!



- Install window stops or releasable child-safety window guards.
- Never rely on window screens to prevent children from falling out a window. Screens are designed to pop out for fire safety - the weight of a toddler can easily push through a screen.

Need more information about window safety?

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