

# TV and Furniture Tip-Over Prevention Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe from TV and furniture tip-overs.

You wouldn't think to bring a baby home from the hospital without a car seat or have your child ride a bike without a helmet. Protecting your children from the potential risk of TV and furniture tip-overs is another important part of keeping them safe.

## Secure TVs

- Mount flat-screen TVs to the wall. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that you have a secure fit.
- If you have a large, heavier, box-style cathode ray (CRT) TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture that can hold the TV's size and weight.



## Recycle Old TVs

- To find a location near your home that safely and responsibly recycles unwanted TVs, go to [www.GreenerGadgets.org](http://www.GreenerGadgets.org).



## Secure Furniture

- Use anti-tip brackets, braces or wall straps to secure furniture to the wall.
- Install stops on dresser drawers to keep them from being pulled all the way out. Multiple open drawers can cause the weight to shift, making it easier for a dresser to tip over.



## Rearrange Household Items

- Keep heavier items on lower shelves and in lower drawers.
- Avoid placing remote controls, food, toys or other items in places where kids might be tempted to climb up or reach for them.



*Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tipping over. Ten children visit the emergency room every day because of a TV tip-over.*