

Keep Button Batteries Away from Young Kids

- Keep a special eye on small pieces, including [button batteries](#) that may be included in electronic toys. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger, curious siblings.

Don't Forget a Helmet for New Bikes or Other Toys

- If your child's heart is set on a bike, skateboard or scooter this holiday season, be sure to include a helmet to keep them safe while they're having fun.



Prevent Spills with Pot Handles

- Kids love to reach, so to [prevent burns](#) from hot holiday food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge.

Engage Older Kids in Cooking

- Teach older responsible kids how to cook safely. Teach them never to leave the kitchen while they're using the stove or oven. Instruct older kids to use oven mitts or potholders to remove items from the oven or stove and teach them how to use a microwave safely.

Avoid Placing Foods on an Open Oven Door

- Your oven door may not be as strong as you think. To prevent oven tip-overs, place heavy foods or other items on a counter top out of the reach of young children, and not on an open oven door.
- An anti-tip bracket is a valuable tool to prevent oven tip-overs. If you have one, simply follow the manufacturer's instructions to install and use properly.

Check Your Car Seat Before Holiday Travel

- Seventy-three percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly, so before you hit the road, check your car seat. Here's a quick [car seat checklist](#) to help you out. It takes only 15 minutes. If you are having even the slightest trouble, questions or concerns, certified child passenger safety technicians are able to help or even double check your work. [Find a Safe Kids car seat checkup event near you.](#)

Use Booster Seats

- Safety in the car goes beyond your little ones. Kids who have outgrown a forward-facing harness seat are not ready for a seat belt or front seat yet. They are safest in a booster seat that enables the adult seat belt to fit properly. Even when children have graduated from booster seats, they should remain in the back seat until they reach the age of 13.



Have an Exit Strategy on the Road

- So now the car is packed, the kids are in the right seat, the seats are installed properly, and you're on the open road. Nothing can stop you now, right? Wrong. That's when you hear that all too familiar "howl that means "I want food" or "Change my diaper." When it happens, please don't worry about making good time. Instead, get off at the next exit and find a safe area to feed or change your child.