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# BABY-PROOF YOUR DWELLING

DONE!	KITCHEN
	- Store sharp knives in drawers with child-safety locks
	- Put on stove knob covers and other oven safety devices
	- Cook with back burners and turn pot handles away from stove-front
	- Place all breakable dishes and glasses in high cupboards
	- Place all toxic substances away on high shelves
	- Make sure you have a functioning fire extinguisher
	- Post emergency phone numbers on the fridge in the kitchen

DONE!	BATHROOM
	- Test water heater to ensure water is less than 120°F (49°C)
	- Make sure all medicine is in child-resistant packages
	- Lock all medicines and cleaning supplies in high cabinets
	- Install a toilet guard so that your baby cannot lift the lid
	- Use non-skid mats in the bathtub

DONE!	NURSERY
	- Remove all blinds and drapery cords to prevent strangulation
	- Use cribs without corner posts to avoid strangulation
	- Remove all toys from the crib to prevent suffocation

DONE!	THE OTHER PARTS OF THE HOUSE
	- Secure furniture (e.g., bookcases) to walls with screws and bolts
	- Organize your electrical cords neatly
	- Insert safety plugs in all electrical outlets that are not in use
	- Use safety gates at tops and bottoms of staircases
	- Attach childproof latches to all drawers you do not want your child to have access to
	- Use corner cushions for sharp-edged furniture and fireplaces

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign recommends going through your home room-by-room to identify possible dangers. Begin by getting down on your hands and knees, and looking for potential dangers between the floor and 40 inches above.

For more tips and tools for baby-proofing your home, check out the National SAFE KIDS Campaign at [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org) or St. John Ambulance Canada at [www.sja.ca](http://www.sja.ca).