

Thanksgiving SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

For many families, Thanksgiving is full of turkey, travel, and gratitude. But, with the kids home from school, it can be easy to forget that hot ovens, boiling soup, and sharp cutlery are dangerous. Also, if you're heading out or staying in, don't forget to check the house for safety hazards.

Follow these Thanksgiving safety tips to ensure a festive and fun holiday:

Kitchen Safety

When cooking hot dishes, keep children at least **3 FEET AWAY**, as hot steam or liquids could cause burns.

Keep pot handles
TURNED INWARD
and out of the reach
of children.

MOVE DISHES (hot and cold) away from the edge of counters, so kids or dogs don't pull them down.

Never leave
CHILDREN UNATTENDED when there is food cooking in the kitchen.

Don't **FORGET** to turn off the oven and burners when you're finished cooking.

Have a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** handy in case of a grease fire.

TEACH CHILDREN not to go near hot ovens, especially when the oven door is open.



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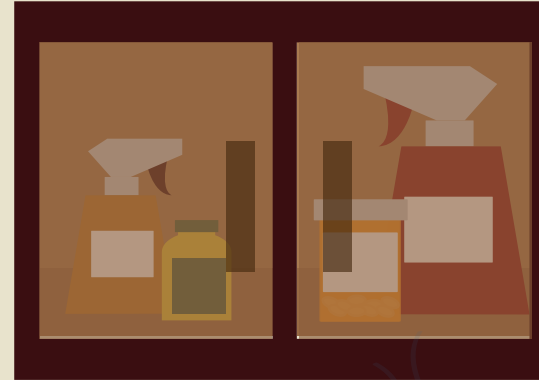
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Food And Home Safety

If you have guests over, make sure to **KEEP PURSES** with medicine stored up **HIGH** and out of the reach of children.



MAKE SURE children don't get into **MEDICINE CABINETS** or other dangerous areas.



If you're a guest in someone's home, let the host know in advance to keep chemicals and poisonous materials locked **AWAY AND OUT OF THE REACH** of children.

ALWAYS use a thermometer to make sure the turkey is fully cooked to a minimum temperature of at least **165°F**

NEVER let children **CARVE** a turkey or use sharp knives.



If you're traveling, **BRING** plenty of **BOOKS, TOYS,** and games to keep children entertained.



AVOID pediatric burns by keeping hot liquids away from young children.



CHOOSE LED or flameless candles to avoid house fires and burns.



TEACH children **TO WAIT** for hot dishes to cool down, so they don't burn their mouths.



Make sure all fireplaces **HAVE** protective screens.



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Sleep And Vehicle Safety

MAKE SURE children use the bathroom or have a fresh diaper change before leaving home.

Children might be nervous about sleeping out. Before you leave your home, **TALK TO CHILDREN** about any worries they may have.

Keep your eyes on the road, and **LOOK OUT** for intoxicated drivers.

DON'T STRAP children into car seats with their jackets on, as **THIS CAN DECREASE** the car seat's efficiency. Instead, **WRAP** a warm blanket around your child after safely strapping her in.

If you're sleeping out, **MAKE SURE** children sleep in a safe travel crib or bassinet.

If you see something suspicious, say something. **DON'T BE AFRAID** to report strange behaviors to 9-1-1.

Give children **TIME TO DIGEST** before putting them to bed.