

# Prevent Child Falls

## Windows are Vital to Survival, but Keep Safety in Mind



Falls from windows are more common than people might think. According to the [Safe Kids Worldwide 2015 Report to the Nation: Protecting Children in Your Home](#), about eight children under age 5 die each year from falling out a window, and more than 3,300 are injured seriously enough to go to the hospital.

The NSC Window Safety Task Force offers these suggestions to help protect children:

- Always supervise children and keep their play area away from windows
- Keep windows closed and locked when children are present
- If windows are open, make sure children can't reach them
- For a double-hung window on an upper floor, open the top sash for ventilation and keep the bottom sash closed
- Screens keep bugs out, but they do not keep children in
- Keep furniture away from windows as they could tempt a curious child to climb and potentially fall
- Don't allow children to jump on beds or other furniture
- If there are young children in the home, install ASTM-approved limited-opening hardware, which only allows a window to open a few inches

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/window-safety>

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