

WINDOW SAFETY

Window falls are a cause of major injuries and even death for children of all ages, but especially pre-school children as they do not see the danger. Parents often see falls from windows as 'freak' accidents but the statistics belie that view. In fact, nationally, one child under five is admitted to hospital every day after falling from a building – often from open windows but also from balconies

Open Windows

- Always supervise young children, and keep windows locked when children are near.
- If opening a window, make sure a child can't reach it.
- Teach your child to stay away from windows and patio doors.
- Don't keep furniture near a window that a child could climb on.
- A screen will not prevent a child from falling out a window
- Lock windows where possible (leave the key in a place that can be easily reached by an adult in case of fire)

Window safety video link: [Window Safety for Children](#)

<https://www.capt.org.uk/news/falls-from-open-windows>

<https://www.berkshirerwestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/scp/parents-and-carers/babies-and-children-important-safety-messages>

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