

WINDOW SAFETY TIPS—KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

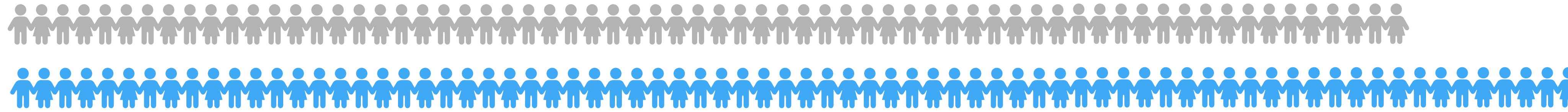


Did you know that each year in the U.S., more than 5,000 children fall out of a window and end up in the emergency room as a result? Even more tragically, about eight children under the age of five die each year after falling out of a window. That's according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which ranks windows as one of the top five hidden hazards in a home. The good news? You can help prevent falls from happening.

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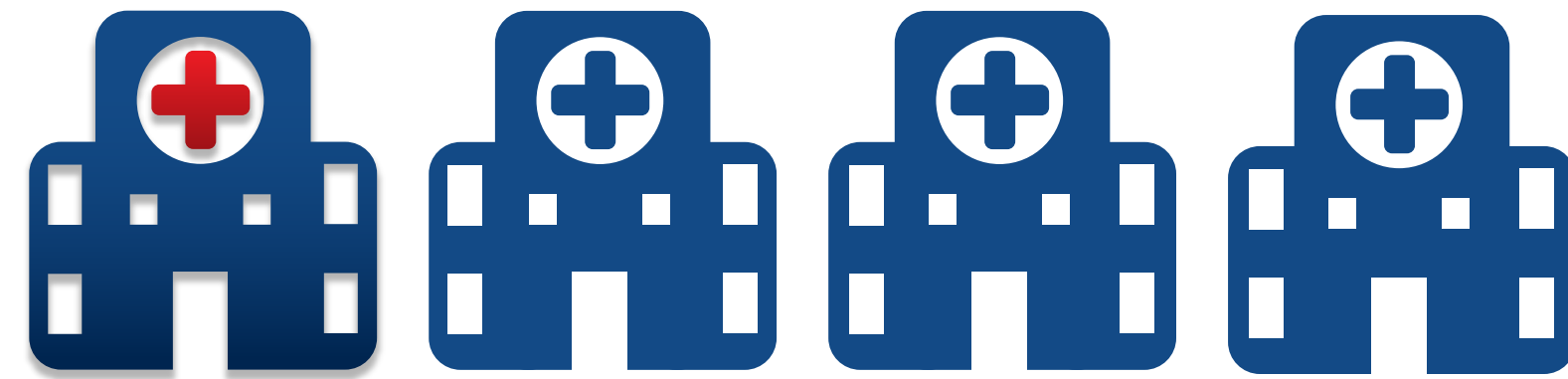
The number of children aged 14 and under who are killed as a result of falling out a window.

Children ages 4 and under suffer **more than half of all fall-related injuries.**



1 in 4

The number of fall-related injuries that require hospitalization.



WINDOW SAFETY TIPS—PREVENTING FALLS

Unattended children run the greatest risk of window-related falls and injuries.

Follow these tips to help keep your children safe.

- Make sure a responsible person supervises children as they play.
- Teach children not to play near windows or patio doors.
- Keep windows closed and locked when not in use.
- If possible, open windows from the top.
- Don't depend on screens to keep children from falling out of windows. (Screens are not designed for this purpose.)
- Use window guards in homes with small children. Contact maintenance if a window guard is missing or broken.
- To prevent climbing, keep furniture, including beds, cribs, and couches away from windows.
- Ask about window safety when your child visits another home.

BONUS WINDOW SAFETY TIPS

Besides preventing falls, it's important to teach children how to safely use a window as an escape route.

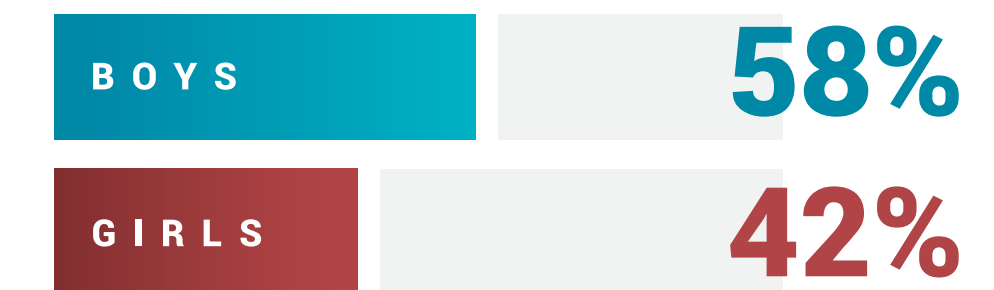
- Teach children that in the event of a fire, they cannot hide—they must escape.
- Develop an emergency fire escape plan and practice it with your children.
- Do not place window air conditioner units in windows that can be used in an escape.
- Inspect your windows to ensure they are not painted shut and are in good working order.
- Contact maintenance if your windows aren't operating properly

Second Bonus tip: To prevent strangulation, use cordless window coverings or those with inaccessible cords. (Cords of all types present a danger to young children.)

Children under 5 are more likely to suffer serious injuries and are **3 times more likely** to suffer a head injury after falling from a window.



Pre-school aged children have the highest risk of falling from windows; boys fall more frequently than girls.



Falls from windows are more common during the **warmer months.**

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