

Survey Instrument

Part I. Parental Knowledge

1. Unintentional injuries – or accidental injuries – are the leading killer of children ages 1 to 14 in the United States.
 - A. True
 - B. False
 - Answer: True
 - Source: National Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control. *10 Leading Causes of Injury Death by Age Group Highlighting Unintentional Injury Deaths, United States -- 2003*

2. What is the leading cause of (nonfatal) unintentional injuries to babies aged birth to 11 months?
 - A. Motor vehicle crashes
 - B. Poisoning
 - C. Suffocation/airway obstruction
 - D. Falls
 - E. Fire/burn
 - F. Drowning
 - G. Bite or sting
 - Answer: D -- falls
 - Source: National Electronic Injury Surveillance System—All Injury Program operated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. *National Estimates of the 10 Leading Causes of Nonfatal Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments, United States -- 2004*

3. What type of unintentional injury is the leading cause of death to babies aged birth to 11 months?
 - A. Motor vehicle crashes
 - B. Poisoning
 - C. Suffocation/airway obstruction
 - D. Falls
 - E. Fire/burn
 - F. Drowning
 - Answer: C—suffocation/airway obstruction
 - Source: National Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control. *10 Leading Causes of Injury Death by Age Group Highlighting Unintentional Injury Deaths, United States -- 2003*

4. What is the leading cause of (nonfatal) unintentional injuries to toddlers aged 1-4?
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| A. Motor vehicle crashes | D. Falls |
| B. Poisoning | E. Fire/burns |
| C. Suffocation/airway obstruction | F. Drowning |
| | G. Bite or sting |
- Answer: D -- falls
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| A. Motor vehicle crashes | D. Falls |
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| C. Suffocation/airway obstruction | F. Drowning |
- Answer: A – motor vehicle crashes
 - Source: National Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control. *10 Leading Causes of Injury Death by Age Group Highlighting Unintentional Injury Deaths, United States -- 2003*
6. A baby should ride in a rear-facing child safety seat until:
- He weighs twenty pounds
 - He reaches one year old
 - He is one year and at least twenty pounds
 - His feet touch the back seat of the car
 - All of the above
- Answer: C – one year and at least twenty pounds
 - Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. DOT
7. It is safest for a toddler to ride in a forward facing child safety seat until he reaches:
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| A. 25 pounds | C. 35 pounds |
| B. 30 pounds | D. 40 pounds |
- Answer: D - 40 pounds
 - Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. DOT
8. It is safest for a child to use a booster seat in the car until he is
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| A. 8 yrs old and 80 pounds | D. 5 yrs old and 50 pounds |
| B. 7 yrs old and 70 pounds | E. 4 yrs old and 40 pounds |
| C. 6 yrs old and 60 pounds | |
- Answer: A - 8yrs and 80 pounds
 - Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. DOT

9. Children can safely ride in the front seat of a car beginning at what age?
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| A. 8 years old | D. 11 years old |
| B. 9 years old | E. 12 years old |
| C. 10 years old | F. 13 years old |
- Answer: F – 13 years old
 - Source: NHTSA and American Academy of Pediatrics
10. To avoid a baby getting his head caught, what is the maximum safe distance between bars in a crib?
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| A. 1 and _ inches | C. 3 and _ inches |
| B. 2 and 3/8 inches | D. 3 and 2/3 inches |
- Answer: 2 and 3/8 inches
 - Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission
11. What is the maximum safe opening of a window to prevent window falls?
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| A. 6 and _ inches | D. 4 inches |
| B. 6 inches | E. 4 and _ inches |
| C. 5 and _ inches | |
- Answer: 4 inches
 - Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission
12. What is the highest temperature at which you can safely set your hot water heater to prevent burns?
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| A. 100 degrees | D. 132 degrees |
| B. 115 degrees | E. 145 degrees |
| C. 120 degrees | |
- Answer: C 120 degrees
 - Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Tap Water Scalds Document #5098
13. Where should you place safety gates in your home to prevent your child from falling down the stairs?
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| A. Top of stairs | C. Both top and bottom |
| B. Bottom of stairs | D. Neither top nor bottom |
- Answer: C - both top and bottom
 - Source: The Home Safety Council
14. How often should you change the smoke detector batteries in your home?
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| A. Every year | C. Every three months |
| B. Every month | D. Every six months |
- Answer: D – every six months
 - Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission
15. At what age are children at the greatest risk of unintentional home injury?
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| A. Under one | C. Ages 5 to 9 |
| B. Ages 1 to 4 | D. Ages 10 to 14 |

- Answer: B— ages 1-4
- Source: National Vital Statistics System 1992-1999. Compiled by the Home Safety Council. *The State of Home Safety in America: Facts About Unintentional Injuries in the Home, Second Edition, 2004*

16. Children can drown in as little as how much water?

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| A. One foot | C. 4 inches |
| B. Six inches | D. 2 inches |

- Answer: D- 2 inches

17. Which of the following actions is not an effective way to protect your child from firearm injury in your home?

- A. Using trigger locks
- B. Storing firearms and ammunition separately
- C. Placing firearms and ammunition on a high shelf
- D. Keeping firearms and ammunition in a locked safe

- Answer: C – placing firearms and ammunition on a high shelf
- Source: Common Sense About Kids and Guns

18. Which of the following can cause poisoning in young children?

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| A. Cosmetics and beauty products | C. Household plants |
| B. Cleaning products | D. Over the counter drugs |
| | E. All of the above |

- Answer: E- all of the above
- Source: National Capital Poison Center

Part II. Parental Behavior

19. At what age was your child when you first began thinking about child proofing your home?

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| A. Prenatal – during pregnancy | C. 7-12 months |
| B. 0-6 months | D. 13-24 months |
| | E. Over one year old |

20. What prompted you to begin thinking about child proofing?

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| A. Friend/relative's advice | E. Internet |
| B. Pediatrician/nurse | F. Product advertising |
| C. Injury to your child | G. News story |
| D. Injury to a child you know | H. Store display |

21. What areas in your home concern you the most for your child's safety? (select all that apply)
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| A. Baby nursery | F. Basement |
| B. Bathroom | G. Hallway and/or stairs |
| C. Kitchen | H. Balcony, garage or yard access |
| D. Bedroom(s) | |
| E. Family Room | |
22. When are you concerned for your child's safety? (Select all that apply. You must select at least TWO options to continue.)
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| A. When riding in a car |
| B. When bicycling |
| C. When walking in or crossing the street |
| D. When playing at a playground |
| E. When playing at a home that is not your own |
| F. When playing in or around water |
23. Out of the following areas, which ONE are you MOST concerned for your child's safety?
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| A. Baby nursery | F. Office |
| B. Bathroom | G. Basement |
| C. Kitchen | H. Hallway and/or stairs |
| D. Bedroom(s) | I. Balcony, garage or yard access |
| E. Family Room | |
24. Do you know where to go to learn how to child proof your home?
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| A. yes | B. no |
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25. Have you taken steps to child proof your home?
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| A. yes | B. no |
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26. What area of your home did you child proof first?
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| A. Baby nursery | F. Office |
| B. Bathroom | G. Basement |
| C. Kitchen | H. Hallway and/or stairs |
| D. Bedroom(s) | I. Balcony, garage or yard access |
| E. Family Room | |
27. Did you put as much emphasis on child proofing when you had your 2nd child as you did with your 1st?
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| A. Yes, saw need for implementing additional child proofing devices |
| B. No, because already had child proofed for 1 st child |
| C. No, I didn't see the need with my 2 nd child |
| D. N/A, I have one child |

28. If you have not child proofed your home, why not?
- A. Lack of information or guidance
 - B. I can't find child proofing products in my neighborhood
 - C. Child proofing products are too difficult to install
 - D. Child proofing products are too expensive
 - E. I don't believe child proofing products are necessary and/or effective
29. Who would you trust to give your child proofing information or guidance?
- A. Pediatrician/nurse
 - B. Friend, relative or other parent
 - C. Daycare provider or school
 - D. Baby care class or community health fair
 - E. Retail store
 - F. Product manufacturer
 - G. Advertising or news story
30. How would you like to receive information about child proofing? (Select all that apply)
- A. Pediatrician/nurse
 - B. Through the mail
 - C. Email blast
 - D. At car seat installment seminar
 - E. Registry list
 - F. Magazine articles
 - G. Pre-natal or parent education class
 - H. Internet