TV and Furniture Tip-Overs

You wouldn't think to bring a baby home from the hospital without a car seat or have your child ride a bike without a helmet. Protecting your children from the potential risk of TV and furniture tip-overs is another important part of keeping them safe.

The Hard Facts

Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tipping over. Over the past 10 years, a child visited the emergency room every 45 minutes because of a TV tipping over.

Top Tips

1. Assess the stability of the TVs in your home.

2. Mount flat-panel TVs to the wall to prevent them from toppling off stands. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that you have a secure fit.

3. If you have a heavier, box-style cathode ray tube (CRT) TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture that is appropriate for the TV's size and weight.

4. If you no longer use your CRT TV, consider recycling it. To find a location to safely and easily recycle unwanted TVs, go to www.GreenerGadgets.org. Here are some step-by-step tips to help.

5. Use brackets, braces or wall straps to secure unstable or top-heavy furniture to the wall.
**TV Tip-Overs**

How kids are getting hurt and what to do about it.

Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tip-over.*

Every hour, a child goes to the ER because of a TV tip-over.

7 out of 10 kids injured by TV tip-overs are ages 5 and under.

A 36" heavier, box-style CRT TV falling three feet creates the same momentum as a 1-year-old child falling 10 stories.

34% of households still have a CRT in the home.

34% of child fatalities from 2000-2013 due to TV tip-overs involved someone climbing on the furniture or TV.

From 2000-2013, 47% of child fatalities due to TV tip-overs occurred in a bedroom.

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**Safety Tips**

- **Properly place your old TV.** If you have a heavier, box-style TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture that is appropriate for the TV’s size and weight.

- **Secure your flat-panel TV.** Be sure your flat-panel TV is properly secured with a wall mount that has a safety certification by an independent laboratory (such as UL, CSA, ETL).

- **Recycle your TV.** To find a location near your home that safely and responsibly recycles unwanted TVs, go to www.GreenerGadgets.org.

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* Based on estimates from CPSC NEISS data for 2000-2013.

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