



Tip-Over Safety Sheet

Every 45 minutes, a child goes to the ER due to a tip-over accident.

Every two weeks, a child dies.

Please take a moment to review this safety information.

Furniture tip overs are responsible for numerous deaths each year.

We would love to see that changed.

Steps you can take to make your home safer:

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends the following safety tips to help prevent tip-over accidents.

- **Anchor furniture to the wall or floor.**

You can get brackets or furniture straps at a number of retailers either locally or online.

- **Place TV's on sturdy, low bases or anchor the furniture and the TV on top of it, and push the TV as far back as possible.**

Often spare TVs end up being placed in children's rooms or guest rooms. We may not think to properly anchor these sets as they see less use than our primary TV. Please check all TVs in the home to make sure all are secure. The same is true for computer monitors as well, so remember to check desks and home offices.

- **Keep remote controls and other attractive items off the TV stand so kids won't be tempted to grab for them and risk knocking over the TV.** Often tip-over accidents happen as children try to reach items on top of TVs or other furniture such as bookcases, desks, or shelves. Kids can be pinned by items and suffocate under them, even if they survive the initial fall of the item on top of them.

- **Keep TV and cable cords out of reach of children.**

Besides the risk of strangulation, children may attempt to use cords to pull items over to reach items on top of them. Keeping cords out of reach greatly reduces this risk.

- **Make sure free-standing ranges and stoves are installed with anti-tip brackets.**

The kitchen is an often-overlooked danger zone when it comes to tip-over risk. Appliances need to be secured along with other household furniture.

- **Supervise children in rooms where these safety tips have not been followed.**

You can make your home as safe as possible and still have your child be at risk when visiting friends and family who may not have these safety measures in place. When this is the case, please supervise your children at all times. Don't think that because you are nearby you would be able to hear and thus rescue your child in the event of a tip-over. Often tip-over accidents are silent and the damage is done before anything can be done to save the child.

Please please please—we implore you. Take a few moments now to anchor and secure TV's, furniture and appliances. The danger is real and this just might mean the difference between life and death.

>[For more information about tip over dangers and prevention from the Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\), click here.](#)

>[Furniture tip over fact sheet, click here.](#)

>[Video information regarding furniture tip over from the CPSC, click here.](#)