

Home Safety Leaflet 1

Commercially available equipment and minor adaptations

There are a number of different suppliers of safety equipment for children including some high street stores who stock items in store. You may find the websites listed in the table below useful, but the information provided is not a definitive list, or a specific recommendation, though it may assist you in finding solutions to some of the difficulties you are experiencing.

Please always check that any item you purchase will work with your child, for example:

- Is restricting the space putting your child at risk of entrapment?
- Is the restricting space still big enough for your child to get through?
- Will the safety item encourage your child to try and access the area further?
- Will the item fit into family life or affect other members of the family?
- If you have a child that chews, will the safety item be safe for them?

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Range of general child safety products:	www.mothercare.com www.babysecurity.co.uk www.childsafetysystem.co.uk www.gltc.co.uk www.safety.more4kids.info www.Simplesafetysolutions.com www.childsafety.co.uk www.toysrus.co.uk www.amazon.co.uk	Locks for cupboards, window locks and restrictors, stove top guards, oven door safety guards, socket covers, furniture restraining straps, corner cushions and more.
Window locks and restrictors	www.jackloc.com www.simplesafetysolutions.com www.screwfix.com www.mothercare.com www.clippasafe.co.uk www.upvc-hardware.co.uk www.locksonline.co.uk Security Grills: Building contractors, security firms, welding companies.	<p>Before fitting any extra locks, fire safety should be taken into consideration. The Fire Service is able to advise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ There are varying types of windows – upvc, wooden frames, metal frames, sash, side swing, open top. Please check that the lock you are purchasing will work with the type of window you have. ❖ If fitting restrictors, ensure the opening space will not put the child at risk – i.e. entrapment or still able to squeeze through. ❖ If windows/restrictors are locked with keys it is important that the keys can be found quickly in the event of an emergency. ❖ Windows may need to be kept locked while your child is in the room and opened when they have out of the room for air circulation. ❖ If it is not possible to lock windows, an alarm can be fitted to alert you if your child opens the window – see section on sensors and alarms. ❖ Shutters or security grills on the outside of the windows may be needed if other

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		<p>options have failed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Keep the area below windows clear of furniture to discourage the child from climbing.
Window covers and film	www.windowfilm.co.uk www.diy.com www.abodewindowfilms.co.uk www.safetots.co.uk www.whitewindows.co.uk www.eagleboatwindows.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Glass safety film fitted can be fitted on windows and glass doors at reasonable cost. Standard glass can be replaced with safety glass or polycarbonate sheets. ❖ Padded window coverings may limit access to the window and restrict natural light.
Door locks	www.ironmongerydirect.co.uk www.digitaldoorlocks.co.uk http://digital.yale.co.uk www.codelocks.co.uk www.electriclock.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Before fitting any extra door locks, fire safety should be taken into consideration. The Fire Service can advise. ❖ If doors are locked with keys or a fob, it is important that the keys/fob can be found quickly in the event of an emergency.
Door openers/ safety bumpers	www.fingershield.co.uk http://door-safety.co.uk www.toysrus.co.uk	These can be purchased in most children's shops. Some doors can also be fixed to have a slow closure mechanism to prevent door banging.

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Safety gates and doors Safety on stairs Half doors, stable doors and spy holes can be purchased at most DIY stores.	<p>http://www.argos.co.uk/static/Product/partNumber/2463195.htm</p> <p>http://www.simplesafetysolutions.com/cart.php</p> <p>Half doors, stable doors and spy holes can be purchased at most DIY stores.</p>	<p>Child safety gates are widely available but tend to be quite low in height. Pet safety gates come up much higher and work in the same way, which may be safer for a taller child as it may deter them from climbing over. Please check the space between the bars to ensure there is no risk of entrapment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If a safety gate is not appropriate a half door or stable door (top and bottom half open separately) may be fitted across the stairs or doorways to enable supervision of a child while keeping them safe from danger. These should be fitted with a lock or bolt in a place inaccessible to the child. ❖ A visual panel or spy hole in a full height door allows you to check on your child without disturbing them. The spy hole should have 180° viewing range <p><i>Stairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A safety gate or half height door should only be fitted at the top of stairs if there is absolutely no danger of the child attempting to climb over it. ❖ If your child climbs and is at risk of falling from a landing, stair case balustrades may need to be built up to decrease the risk. Y ❖ Your child may still require a high level of supervision on the stairs, despite safety equipment being in place.
Water safety	<p>www.magiplug.com</p> <p>www.nrs-uk.co.uk</p> <p>www.surestop.co.uk</p> <p>www.altro.com</p> <p>www.childsafety.co.uk</p> <p>www.childalert.co.uk</p>	<p>A lock on the bathroom or kitchen door may suffice to prevent unsupervised access to water safety risk areas. However, there are also a range of products that can prevent overflow of basin, sink, toilet or bath including a magiplug (pressure of water above opens the plug when the unit is full), toilet seat locks, inflatable tap covers, anti-vandalism and automatic operated taps or water switches that control the water supply. The toilet cistern can be boxed in to restrict access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If you have to restrict access to taps, ensure that your child has adequate access to drinking water throughout the day, for example in the form of bottled water. ❖ Ensure you do not stop your child from getting to the toilet when necessary. ❖ Adjust the water temperature on your boiler to prevent water reaching scalding.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A non-slip mat helps prevent slipping in the bath. ❖ Running a shallow bath prevents some splashing onto the floor. ❖ Safety bathroom flooring with a watertight seat and gully can resist and drain away excess water (e.g. Altro Marine 20 flooring).
Kitchen Safety	www.fledglings.org.uk www.childsafety.co.uk www.childalert.co.uk www.safetots.co.uk www.pluglock.co.uk www.nichelocks.com http://www.toysrus.co.uk/Babies-R-Us/Safety/Home-Safety/Hob-and-Oven-Knob-Covers http://www.safetots.co.uk/Safety-Essentials/Kitchen-Safety/Cooker-Guards/c1_13_14/index.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A lock, catch or high handle on the kitchen door may suffice to prevent unsupervised access to harmful substances and hazardous items. However fire safety and escape routes must be carefully considered when installing door locks. ❖ The Air Clip is a gadget that clips across the top of the door and keeps the door slightly open. It helps to keep your child out of the kitchen. There is no key and the clip has a quick release mechanism for adults. ❖ A stair gate or stable door at the kitchen door may be an option, so you can keep an eye on your child and keep them safe outside the kitchen. ❖ It is advisable to secure away all dangerous items in the kitchen, for example knives, medicines or dangerous liquids, by placing out of reach or installing locks. ❖ Locks are widely available that can be placed on kitchen cupboards and appliances, at most DIY and children's shops. ❖ Magnetic locks are child proof locks for cupboards and drawers. They are secure, concealed and impossible for the child to open without the magnetic key. It is also possible to deactivate the lock temporarily. ❖ Plug lock provides a lockable socket cover if standard plug covers are insufficient. ❖ Electric cookers are safer than gas cookers. ❖ A gas key can be used to cut off the gas supply when not in use. ❖ Cooker top guards prevent small children from accessing the cooker hobs. ❖ Oven Guards keep your child from touching hot oven doors.

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Electrical Safety	www.safetots.co.uk www.childalert.co.uk www.pluglock.co.uk www.maplin.co.uk www.kiddacare.com www.childsafety.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Plug-in socket covers are readily available. ❖ Plastic covers can be purchased that fit over the entire electrical fittings of a light switch or socket, e.g. pluglock. Stainless steel electrical sockets with lockable fronts are available from most electrical suppliers. ❖ Plug sockets can be recessed into the wall by a certified electrician. ❖ Sealed bulkhead (dome) ceiling lights are safer than pendant lights for children who climb. ❖ Light switches can be located outside the room, if necessary. ❖ DVD and Digibox protectors (e.g.Clippasafe DVD and DigiBox Protector) are covers that help to restrict your child from gaining access to your electronic equipment. ❖ TV screen protectors can protect your TV from sticky fingers, crayons and damage from items being thrown at it. ❖ Strong, lockable TV cabinets with unbreakable front panels can house your TV, DVD, and other units to keep the buttons, wires and electrics safely away from inquisitive children. Some can also be wall mounted. ❖ Computers can be located in lockable workstations with polycarbonate protection screen. ❖ A cable tidy is a protective sheath that is designed to encase wires and cables. This prevents children from being able to chew or pull on wires. ❖ A cable bridge is a range of ridged plastic cable bridges that can be fixed <p>When employing a tradesman for electrical works, it is advisable to use a qualified electrician who is registered with NICEIC, which maintains a register of qualified, competent electricians. Contact via www.niceic.com or 0870 013 0382</p>
Gas, Radiators and Exposed Pipes Safety	www.safetots.co.uk www.childsafety.co.uk Plumbing Stores and DIY stores such as Argos, Homebase, Wickes,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Your child may be at risk of burns or injuries from hot pipes, radiators and sharp corners. The family may be exposed to noise when radiators and pipes are hit. If pipes are banged continuously over a period of time the joints can become loose and hot water may start to leak. ❖ Rearrange furniture to reduce access to the radiator. ❖ Padded radiator covers offer protection from heat and sharp edges.

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	<p>B&Q and Screwfix.</p> <p>www.coverad.co.uk</p> <p>www.jtechservices.co.uk</p> <p>www.radshield.org.uk</p> <p>www.yorkshireradiatorcovers.co.uk</p> <p>www.premierradiatorcovers.co.uk</p> <p>www.radiator-guards.co.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Radiators can be boxed in with purpose made metal or wooden covers. ❖ Low surface temperature radiators are available to replace standard radiators. ❖ Fire guards can be fitted wherever there is an open fire. Fireplace guards are simple to fit and come in a variety of sizes to fit most fireplaces. ❖ Water pipes can be boxed in by a reliable carpenter or plumber. ❖ Gas switches need to be secure from children who may turn on the gas, putting the family at risk. Gas isolation switches enable you to switch off the gas with a key. This stops the flow of gas through to the appliance. Ensure that gas switches are out of reach of your child or locked away. ❖ Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms provide vital early warning and extra time to escape in the event of a fire or gas leak. Ensure that the alarms and batteries are in working order on a regular basis. <p>When employing a tradesman for gas works, it is advisable to use a qualified gas fitter who is registered on the Gas Safe Register www.gassaferegister.co.uk 0800 408 5500</p> <p>London Fire Brigade offers free home fire safety visits. You can contact them to request fire safety advice or a home visit, and they may fit free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.</p>
Furniture	<p>www.colourwaysltd.com</p> <p>www.primeralife.co.uk</p> <p>www.toughfurniture.com</p> <p>www.intrad-direct.com</p> <p>www.fledglings.org.uk</p> <p>www.amazon.co.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Organise the layout of your furniture in accessible rooms to reduce your child's access to high areas and windows. ❖ Durable, heavy tables and chairs can reduce the risk to your child and damage to your furniture if you child tends to throw light furniture. ❖ Furniture fixed to the wall or floor is more secure. Lockable drawers can prevent your child from removing the drawers to damage contents and to climb on. ❖ Furniture with sloping tops can reduce risk of use to climb on. ❖ Minimising furniture in the child's bedroom helps to reduce risk to your child and damage to your furniture. ❖ Corner protectors can help reduce injury from sharp corners. ❖ Curtains with Velcro tab tops reduce damage to rails where curtains are

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		<p>frequently pulled on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Magnetic curtain rails pull apart under pressure and can be easily re-attached. These are also available for wardrobe rails and shower curtains ❖ Lockable wooden shutters can be used instead of curtains. ❖ If fitting blinds, consider risks regarding the cords. ❖ Strong plastic edging strip can protect wooden surfaces. Vinyl or wooden flooring is easier to maintain than carpeting. ❖ Painted walls are easy to clean and eliminate the potential for your child to strip and shred wallpaper. Paints with a protective washable finish are recommended. ❖ Posters, pictures and photos can be covered by a protective sheet of polycarbonate. ❖ Polycarbonate picture frames and safety mirrors are available.
Wall and floor padding	www.rompa.com www.sensoryplus.co.uk http://premiersolutions.co.uk www.thesensorycompany.co.uk	Gym mats can be used to lightly pad floor or walls (fixed with Velcro). However, heavy users will need more robust padding, available from specialist companies.
Garden	www.accessaudio.co.uk www.frequencyprecision.com www.tunstallgroup.com www.sensorium.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Suitable door locks to external doors may resolve difficulties in order to ensure that your child is only in the garden when closely supervised. ❖ Consider having large plants along the fence to deter your child from climbing the fence. ❖ Be aware that trellises on top of fencing may increase the height of the fence but are often not very secure and could fall should your child try to climb over it. ❖ Sensors or alarm systems along the top of the garden fence or on external door openings may be useful. A pager could be used to alert you to your child attempting to climb over the fence or opening an external door.

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	www.easylinkuk.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Where there is a risk your child will leave through the garden gate, ensure that the gate has a lockable form of security that your child cannot access. A sliding bolt with a padlock could be used. ❖ Spring loaded gates may help ensure that the gate is not left open. ❖ You may be able to secure a large wooden board across the gate to cover arris rails (horizontal support rails) where your child may be using them to climb over the gate. ❖ Where your child is lifting the manhole cover, put a large pot plant on top of the cover to deter them. Alternatively, weighted and lockable manhole covers are commercially available from builders' merchants ❖ Trampolines and punch bags can be a useful outlet for children with extra energy. ❖ Your child may still require a high level of supervision in the garden despite suitable safety measures being in place.
Safety monitors Sensors or Alarms	www.maplin.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If there is a risk that your child will leave your care due to a reduced awareness of danger, you may need to consider sensors, such as door or window opening alarms, pressure mats to monitor access to doors and sensors along the tops of fences, gates or walls. The sensor sets off an alarm or alerts a pager system when triggered.
Pressure mats and Pager Systems	www.pressuremat.com www.easylinkuk.co.uk www.ridleyelect.co.uk www.childalert.co.uk www.accessaudio.co.uk www.tunstallgroup.com www.sensorium.co.uk www.easylinkuk.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tracking devices/personal locators may also be helpful. These are attached to the child and pager alert remains with the parent/carer, who is alerted when the child goes outside a set limit range where he or she is not safely supervised. ❖ Sensors and tracking devices do not replace the need for appropriate parental supervision. ❖ The alarm systems need to be checked regularly to ensure that they are operating effectively and batteries replaced on a regular basis. ❖ Ensure that the pagers & sensors are placed out of reach of your child.

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	<p>www.buddi.co.uk</p> <p>http://www.trackyour.co.uk/index.php/radio-frequency-tracker-guardian-angel-with-2-tags.html</p> <p>http://www.loc8tor.com/uk/children/</p> <p>www.childsafezones.co.uk</p>	
Outdoors	<p>www.crelling.com</p> <p>www.fledglings.org.uk</p>	<p>Children with challenging behaviour and/or limited safety awareness should be closely supervised at all times when outdoors.</p> <p>Walking reins or a wrist strap may be suitable for smaller children. Others may be safer using a buggy or wheelchair. It is possible to fit these with 5 point harnesses and footrest to prevent a child absconding or injuring their feet through dragging. Enfield Wheelchair Services may be able to assist but require a referral from an involved professional, such as your GP.</p>
Car safety	<p>www.crelling.com</p> <p>www.windmillspecialneeds.co.uk</p> <p>www.incarsafetycentre.co.uk</p> <p>http://www.enfield.gov.uk/info/10000_00620/road_safety_and_managing_traffic/2927/drive_safely/4</p> <p>http://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ It is legal requirement for all passengers to wear seat belts/restraints. ❖ Crelling and Windmill provide harnesses designed for children who try to get out of their car seat unsafely. The carer and passengers in the vehicle should be aware of how to unfasten it in an emergency. ❖ Specialist child car seats with a 5-point harness can be purchased and suit children up to about twelve years of age. ❖ Always ensure that car seats and harnesses are correctly fitted in line with the manufacturer's instructions. Enfield runs a monthly in-car safety advice clinic that can check this and advise you further. See link. ❖ Some specialist car seats are expensive. It may be possible for parents to apply for charitable funding if income is restricted. Turn2us is an organisation that will assist a search for funding.

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