



WINDOW SAFETY

Keeping kids safe in our homes should be more than just a passing thought. While your home's windows can provide a safe exit from fire, open windows can present an opportunity for falls, particularly by small children, if precautions are not taken. While your home's windows can provide a safe exit from a fire, they can also be the cause of injury with falls, especially with children. Windows connect us to the outside world but they also play a critical role in home safety as well. Home AND Window safety, demands our awareness, planning, and prevention with our kids!

Emergency Escape - Fire is a scary and frightening thing. Children need to know that they can't hide from fire. They must escape it. If possible, several emergency escape routes should be identified and shared with every family member, especially your children. If windows are part of an escape route, kids need to be practice these routes regularly with the help of their parents.

Fall Prevention - Every family member 6 years and older should know how to open and close windows. Windows should not be blocked with furniture or anything that impedes emergency escape. Window security bars, grills and grates may act as a safeguard against intrusion but they can block emergency escape as well. Regular maintenance and window checks should be performed to ensure that all the windows work properly. If not, repair them immediately!



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Certain types of landscaping can impede a safe exit. Avoid landscaping that may prevent a safe exit from egress windows that may be used for emergency escape. Window Air Conditioners should never be installed in egress windows that may be used for emergency escape.

Children, particularly those five years and younger, are more likely than adults to fall out of an open windows. Never leave children unsupervised. Keep windows closed and locked when kids are present and teach them to play away from windows, for their own protection.

NEVER depend on insect window screens to prevent falls. Screens are not designed to stop falls and they will not hold the weight of children.

Ringer Windows Elite Double Hung Windows are equipped with a Window Opening Control Device. After-market WOC devices are available through 3rd party sources such as Home Improvement Stores, Baby Stores, or through a variety of online safety stores.



For additional window safety tips, consult the following great resources.

National Safety Council
1121 Spring Lake Drive
Itasca, Illinois 60143-3201
www.nsc.org

National Fire Protection Association
One Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02269-9101
www.nfpa.org



SCREENS ARE DESIGNED TO KEEP BUGS OUT!

SCREENS ARE NOT DESIGNED AS FALL PROTECTION or PREVENTION.

SCREENS WILL NOT SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF EVEN THE SMALLEST CHILD. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT WINDOW SAFETY!