

WINDOW SAFETY CHECKLIST

Warm weather and the urge to open a window pose a potential danger that many people don't realize until it's too late - **window falls**.

Please check all the rooms in your home and make sure they are safe places for your children to play or nap.



- ✓ Teach children about the hazards of playing near an open window and make sure they understand that a screen will not stop them from falling.
- ✓ Never put beds or other furniture under a window.
- ✓ Do not allow children to stand on toys or other items to look out a window.
- ✓ Routinely check your screens to make sure that they are secure, and if you have concerns please call maintenance. **Remember: SCREENS DO NOT PREVENT FALLS.**
- ✓ Check the cords on your blinds and other window-coverings to make sure they do not pose a choking hazard. Keep cords up, out of the reach of small hands. Make sure all cords are free-hanging and are not looped or knotted.
- ✓ If you require additional safety measures for your windows, please inquire at your local Hunt Residential Management office.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Important Tips for Window Safety



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Close it!** Close upstairs windows if an unattended child will be in the room.
- **Move it!** Anything that could become a ladder should be moved away from upstairs windows. Look for toys, boxes, beds, and other furniture kids could use to climb to the window.
- **Check it!** Routinely check your windows (while the children aren't watching) to ensure the locking mechanism is in proper working order. If a window lock isn't working properly, please call Maintenance.

WHAT KIDS SHOULD KNOW

- **Kids can't fly!** Stress the importance of being safe around windows.
- **Don't push me!** Children should never push or lean against a screen or window frame. Teach them that a window screen will not stop them from falling out of the window.
- **Don't cross the line!** Kids should never lean or reach out an open window. Teach them to never reach across or climb on the window ledge.
- **Don't monkey around there!** Climbing is fun on the playground but can be dangerous near stairs or an open window.

REMEMBER

Preventing window falls is simple, but essential for keeping you children safe. By ensuring windows are locked, furniture is kept away from windows, and teaching children about window safety, you can help prevent tragic accidents. A few simple steps today can make all the difference in protecting your little ones.