

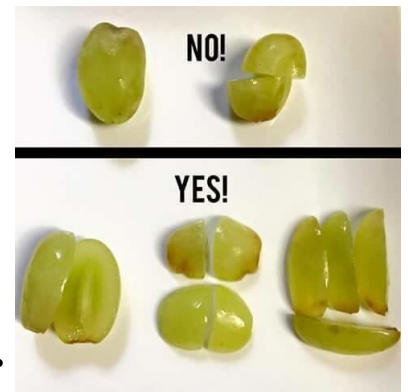
Home Safety: Looking after Grandchildren



If your children visit your home regularly you might want to consider:

- **Keeping things out of reach?**
 - **Keep windows locked (especially upstairs) or fit restrictors to stop them opening more than a few centimetres.**
 - **Move furniture away from windows so they cannot use it to climb up on.**
 - **Keep all medicines out of reach of children**
 - **Store all household chemicals/cleaning products out of reach.**
 - **Make sure matches, lighters, e-cigarettes are out of sight and reach.**
 - **Move items that are breakable or that contain magnets or button cell batteries out of reach.**
 - **Secure all blind cords chains and keep out of reach of children.**

- Remove choking hazards such as small object including coins and buttons. Make sure food such as grapes and cocktail sausages is cut up so it won't cause a child to choke.



- Consider fitting stair gates if the child is under 24 months and they stay regularly.
- Refrain from setting seats or bouncy chairs on worktops.
- Place the changing mat on the floor for changing babies nappies to avoid falls from height.
- Do not drink hot drinks while holding the baby.

Outdoors

- Be aware of items that fill up with water – as little as 3cm can drown a small child.
- Close and lock all garden gates.
- Lock shed and garages to ensure children can't access sharp objects or chemicals.
- Be aware which plants are poisonous.
- Place climbing equipment on a soft surface e.g. grass.

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