## **Trustworthy Home Advice**

## **Home Safety Hazard Checklist**

No.	Household Hazard	Safety Action	Completed
1	Unsecured Heavy Furniture	Anchor bookshelves, dressers, and other heavy furniture to walls.	
2	Loose Rugs or Carpets	Secure rugs with non-slip pads.	
3	Cluttered Stairways	Keep stairs clear of objects.	
4	Missing or Loose Handrails	Ensure stair handrails are secure and present on both sides.	
5	Inadequate Lighting	Install adequate lighting in all areas, especially stairways and hallways.	
6	Unprotected Sharp Corners	Use corner protectors on furniture.	
7	Unattended Candles	Never leave candles burning unattended.	
8	Overloaded Electrical Outlets	Avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.	
9	Damaged Electrical Cords	Inspect and replace damaged cords.	
10	Unsecured Window Blinds Cords	Keep window cords out of children's reach.	
11	Accessible Cleaning Chemicals	Store cleaning supplies in a locked cabinet or out of reach.	
12	Unsecured Medications	Keep medicines in a locked cabinet or out of reach.	
13	Lack of Smoke Detectors	Install and test smoke detectors on every floor.	
14	Expired or Missing Fire Extinguisher	Maintain a working fire extinguisher and check its expiration.	
15	Carbon Monoxide Detectors	Install and test carbon monoxide detectors near bedrooms.	
16	Uncovered Electrical Outlets	Use safety covers on all unused electrical outlets.	

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17	Water Heater Temperature	Set the water heater to 120°F (49°C) to prevent scalding.	
18	Unsecured Pools or Hot Tubs	Install fences with gates around pools and hot tubs.	
19	Unattended Cooking	Never leave cooking food unattended on the stove.	
20	Cluttered Emergency Exits	Keep exits clear for easy evacuation.	
21	Unstable Ladders	Inspect ladders for stability before use.	
22	Accessible Small Objects	Keep small objects like batteries and coins out of children's reach.	
23	Unsecured Pet Food	Store pet food away from children.	
24	Lack of Emergency Contact List	Keep a list of emergency contacts and medical information accessible.	
25	Absence of Escape Plan	Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with all household members.	
26	Improper Storage of Tools and Machinery	Store tools and machinery securely and out of reach of children.	
27	Inadequate Pool Supervision	Always supervise children in and around the pool.	
28	Toxic Plants	Identify and remove or secure toxic plants from areas accessible to children and pets.	
29	Unsecured Firearms	Store firearms unloaded in a locked safe, separate from ammunition.	
30	Lack of First Aid Kit	Keep a well-stocked first aid kit in an easily accessible location.	
31	Slippery Bathtubs and Showers	Use non-slip mats in bathtubs and showers.	
32	Unprotected Balconies and Windows	Install safety guards or locks on balconies and windows.	

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33	Unsafe Sleep Environments for Babies	Ensure cribs are safe, with firm mattresses and no loose bedding.	
34	Lack of Childproofing	Install childproof locks on cabinets containing hazardous materials.	
35	Inaccessible Fire Blankets	Keep fire blankets in the kitchen for quick response to small fires.	
36	Unmaintained Chimneys and Fireplaces	Regularly clean and inspect chimneys and fireplaces.	
37	Unsecured Tall Televisions	Secure televisions, especially flat screens, to prevent tipping.	
38	Lack of GFCI Outlets in Wet Areas	Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets in bathrooms and kitchens.	
39	Unmaintained Heating Systems	Regularly service heating systems and furnaces.	
40	Unprotected Stove Knobs	Use stove knob covers to prevent accidental turning on by children.	
41	Inadequate Ventilation	Ensure proper ventilation in areas with potential for gas buildup, like kitchens and bathrooms.	
42	Unsecured Garbage and Recycling Bins	Keep bins closed and secured to prevent access by children and animals.	
43	Lack of Radon Testing	Test your home for radon, a harmful, odorless gas.	
44	Unsecured Driveway Gates	Install self-closing and self-latching gates to prevent children from accessing the driveway.	
45	Inadequate Emergency Supplies	Maintain a supply of emergency essentials like water, food, and batteries.	
46	Unprotected Home Office Equipment	Secure office equipment and supplies, especially sharp objects and small items.	
47	Lack of Sun Protection for Outdoor Areas	Provide shaded areas or sun protection for outdoor play and relaxation spaces.	

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48	Unsecured Decorative Water Features	Ensure safety around decorative ponds, fountains, and water features.	
49	Inadequate Pest Control	Regularly inspect and treat your home for pests to prevent infestations and related hazards.	
50	Unmaintained Play Equipment	Regularly inspect and maintain outdoor play equipment for safety.	