

Home Safety- Toolbox talk

Home Safety is important because it is a place where our loved ones lived and spend their majority of valuable time. Everyone tries to make their home as safe as possible to avoid any accidents with their loved ones but after taking care of family safety lots of accidents take place n a year. As per statistics in the United Kingdom almost 6000 deaths in a year due to home accidents and in USA this figure is more alarming almost 18000 home accidents with 21million medical visits in a year.

It is observed that children and elder people (over the age of 70) are more victims of home accidents.

To avoid such kinds of accidents understanding of [home safety](#) is required in the community

Let's understand home safety in details

Home Safety Hazards



Wet floor or slip



Falling from staircase



Kitchen fire



Use of bare cables



Overloading of electrical circuits



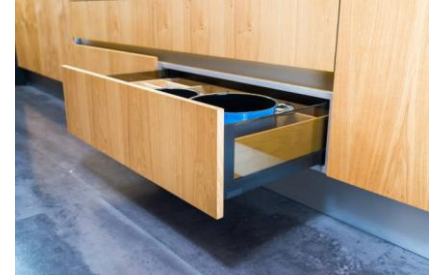
Tripping over cables



Sloping on chair



Overreaching- wrong tool



Open furniture drawers



Cut by a sharp object



Choking of food



Improper storage of gas cylinder



Use of wrong tools



Easy accessibility of matchbox



Use of cleaning chemicals



leaking of utilities & drainage



Generation of carbon monoxide



Rat and other reptiles



Interact with hot iron after use



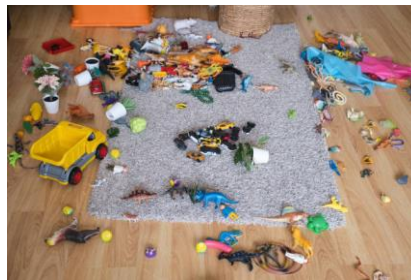
Reach to sharp object



Fingering in electrical sockets



Unsecured Hot surfaces



Toys on floor



Climbing on unsecured drawers



Access to washing machine



Access of dishwasher



Toys on staircase

Home Safety control measures

To mitigate all above hazards following measures required

- Clean all spillage immediately and stop movement while doing wet moping
- Never use a mobile on the staircase and use a handrail to avoid fall
- Never run on a staircase
- Make sure cooking oil has never been overheated or else it caught fire
- Don't use water to extinguish a cooking fire
- Keep flammable material away from gas stove
- Never use bare cable for power supply

- Avoid joints in the cable
- Stop using kitchen equipment if found to damage
- Never use electrical apparatus near to water
- Don't overload the electrical switchboard (for more insights on electrical safety [click here..](#))
- Never laid down cables on the floor to avoid a trip hazard
- Don't play with the chair keep it firm
- Always use appropriate tools for height work
- Keep drawers of furniture closed to avoid trips and fall
- Keep presence of mind while using knives and cutters
- To avoid throat choking choose your food appropriate
- Gas cylinder must be stored in an open area, avoid storage in a closed room
- Refill gas cylinder with the authorized agency only
- Keep matchbox away to avoid easy access to kids or use lighters for gas stove
- Avoid unauthorized use of cleaning chemicals, keep away from reach of kids
- Never mix two cleaning agents together to avoid chemical reactions
- Always attend leakages of utilities & drainage
- Make sure Gas stove is kept in close position while not in use
- Keep doors open while using a gas stove to avoid exposure to carbon monoxide
- Remove rats or other reptiles immediately if found in the home which may cut cable and damages properties which results in electrical shock or fire
- Make sure kids never reach the Electrical stove
- Collect all toys spread on the floor to avoid injuries
- Make sure unsecured furniture is out of reach from kids it may fall on them in case of a climb
- Make sure kids are not opened washing machine in running and make sure it's interlock in working condition
- Avoid access to the dishwasher to the kids they may break porcelain/glass utensils or may affect with forks, knives, and other sharp tools
- Remove toys from the staircase immediately
- Keep small objects away from kids to avoid throat choking
- Block staircase from both ends to protect kids from fall
- Keep iron, hair straightener, and other hot equipment away from kids after use
- Put blind on all electrical sockets to avoid shock to the kids if place finger in it
- Keep sharp objects away from kids