

Florida Child Injury Prevention: Is Your Child at Risk for a Tip-over Accident?

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Between 2000 and 2008, there have been nearly 200 tip-over related deaths involving children eight years old and younger. Nearly all of these fatalities (93%) involved children five years old and younger. In addition, more than 16,000 children five years old and younger were treated in emergency rooms because of injuries associated with tip-over accidents.

Unfortunately, many of these accidents occur because parents and caregivers are unaware that one of the top hidden hazards in the homes where young children live or visit is unsecured and unstable TVs, furniture, and appliances.

“Large TVs and unstable furniture can be a deadly combination. Taking simple, low-cost steps to secure furniture and TVs can save lives,” said CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum. “Parents need to know about this hidden danger and take action now.”

Typically, tip-over injuries and deaths occur when children climb onto, fall against, or pull themselves up on television stands, shelves, bookcases, dressers, desks, chests, and appliances. In some cases, televisions placed on top of furniture will tip over and cause a child to suffer traumatic and sometimes fatal injuries.

To help prevent tip-over hazards, the CPSC offers the following safety tips:

- Furniture should be stable on its own. For added security, anchor chests, dressers, TV stands, bookcases and entertainment units to the floor or attach them to a wall.
- Place TVs on a sturdy, low-rise base. Avoid flimsy shelves.
- Push the TV as far back on its stand as possible.
- Place electrical cords out of a child’s reach and teach kids not to play with them.
- Keep remote controls and other attractive items off the TV stand so kids won’t be tempted to grab for them and risk knocking the TV over.
- Make sure free-standing ranges and stoves are installed with anti-tip brackets.

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