

Be smart. Prevent falls.

Window & Balcony Safety



Did you know that...

Paramedics respond to multiple calls for children falling out of windows or off of balconies every year. Many of these falls are avoidable if the proper precautions are put into place.

It is important to talk to your child about window and balcony safety.

How can you PROTECT your child?

- ✓ Move furniture and planters away from windows and balcony edges to discourage children from climbing, especially cribs and beds.
- ✓ Install and maintain window safety devices – ensure there is a safe release option in case of
- ✓ Keep windows open 10 centimetres or less – children can fit through a space as small as 12 centimetres.
- ✓ Do not rely on a window screen to protect your child. Window screens are not strong enough to hold the weight of a child – they are meant to keep bugs out, not children in.
 - ✓ Do not leave children unattended on balconies or in higher floor rooms with open windows.

