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Top Hidden Hazards in the Home

Magnets: Small magnets can be easily swallowed by children. Once inside the body, they can attract to each other and cause significant internal damage. Keep magnets high enough on your refrigerator that they are out of reach. If you fear your child has swallowed magnets, seek medical attention immediately.

Loose Change: Change can easily wind up on tables or in couch cushions, where curious children could ingest them. A great way to ensure this doesn't happen is to assign a tray or jar for loose change and keep it out of a child's reach.

Tip overs: Tip overs are a leading cause of injury to children. The best way to avoid them is to make sure all furniture and televisions are secured to the wall.

Pot Handle Sticking Out From Stove: When cooking, it is best that pot handles are turned inward instead of sticking out from the stove where little ones may reach up and grab the hot handle.

Loose Rugs or Carpet: Area rugs or carpet that is not secured to the floor causes a tripping hazard for little ones who may already be unstable on their feet. Make sure that all corners are taped down and bumps are smoothed out.

Hot Mugs: A relaxing cup of coffee or tea can quickly turn into an emergency if hot mugs are left unattended or are placed near the edge of tables where little hands can grab them. Beware of tablecloths that can be pulled down with hot items on top as well.

Cords: Cords can pose strangulation hazards to children, whether they are connected to blinds, home gym equipment or baby monitors. Keep cords tied up and out of reach of children. Remember to keep cribs away from cords that the child may reach while inside the crib.

Button Batteries: Button batteries are flat, round batteries that resemble coins or buttons. They are found in common household items such as flashlights, remotes or flameless candles. Similar to coins and magnets, they pose a serious risk if ingested.

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