



radKIDS ON... **HOME SAFETY**

Home. There couldn't be a safer place in the whole world but the reality is more than a third of child injuries and deaths happen at home, according to KidsHealth.org. Young children have the highest risk of being injured at home because that's where they spend most of their time.

The good news is most injuries are predictable and preventable. The key to home safety is communication and information. We suggest that you talk with your children and help them to be aware of how they can help themselves to be safer in and around your home. Help them to develop their **radKIDS Plans** for home safety.

Windows and Doors:

What's your radKIDS Plan IF... you come home to your house or apartment and things don't look right (broken window, ripped screen, or an opened door?

What's your radKIDS Plan IF... you are home and someone knocks on the door? What if he/she says they are from the Police Department or Water Department or Electric Company or they have a delivery for you?

What's the radKIDS Rule IF... for opening the door to some you don't know without a parent? What if they get mean or you feel scared when you don't open the door and you are home alone?

Phone Safety:

What's your radKIDS Plan IF... you answer the phone and the caller is someone you don't know? Do you ever need to talk to anybody you don't know on the phone?

What's your radKIDS Plan IF... the caller asks where your mom or dad is? What's the **radKIDS Rule** if there is a grown-up on the phone? Who **SHOULD** they be talking to?

Outside Safety:

When I play outside I am always careful around the driveway and garage.

What's your radKIDS plan when you see a car coming or going in the driveway?

What's the radKIDS Rule for playing in the garage? And what about when Dad is mowing the lawn? Where are you and where are your toys?

The best way to reduce risk in the home is through constant supervision, by removing a potential hazard or dangerous item, adding a suitable safety product, and most importantly engage your child in helping to keep him or her self safe in the event that all else fails.