

# Home Hazard Safe-Proofing

This playbook provides a sequence of steps to safe-proof a home to mitigate risks of injury and damage during common emergencies such as fires, floods, and accidents.

## Step 1: **Assessment**

Conduct a thorough assessment of your home to identify potential hazards such as unsecured heavy furniture, flammable materials, and electrical risks.

## Step 2: **Secure Furniture**

Secure heavy furniture and appliances to the walls to prevent tipping, which includes bookshelves, dressers, and TVs especially in areas where earthquakes are prevalent or in homes with small children.

## Step 3: **Fire Safety**

Ensure that fire safety measures include working smoke detectors, easily accessible fire extinguishers, and an established family evacuation plan.

## Step 4: **Electrical Checks**

Check the electrical wiring and devices for any fraying or damage, and replace them as necessary. Consider installing outlet covers, especially if small children are present.

## Step 5: **Store Chemicals**

Properly store all chemicals, cleaning supplies, and medicines out of reach of children and pets, ideally in locked cabinets.

## Step 6: **Emergency Kit**

Prepare an emergency kit containing essentials such as water, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, flashlights, and important documents.

## Step 7: **Water Safety**

If you have a pool or hot tub, ensure it has a childproof barrier and consider installing alarms on doors that lead to the pool area. Teach all household members basic water safety.

## Step 8: **Anti-Slip Measures**

Apply anti-slip mats or strips to tubs and showers and secure loose rugs with non-slip pads to prevent falls.

## Step 9: **Window Safety**

Install window guards or safety stops to prevent falls, especially in homes with young children.

## Step 10: **Check Detectors**

Regularly test and replace batteries in carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to ensure they are functioning properly.

# **General Notes**

## **Regular Updates**

Review and update safe-proofing measures regularly or after any major home alterations to maintain safety.

## **Emergency Drills**

Conduct regular emergency exit drills with all household members to ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go in case of an emergency.

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