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## How to Keep Your Family Safe Around Windows

Since 1997, the National Safety Council has teamed up with the Window Safety Task Force to recognize the first full week in April as Window Safety Week. This annual campaign recognizes that, as spring arrives, you may be eager to open up your home. However, certain precautions remain necessary.

In recognition of Window Safety Week, understand and implement the following precautions in your home:

- Keep windows closed and locked when you are sleeping or away from home.
- Never allow unsupervised children or pets near open windows.
- Check window screens regularly for tears as they could allow easier access for insects, rodents and even burglars.
- When opening windows for ventilation, use those that are out of reach of children.
- Identify windows that could be used as fire escape routes and check them regularly to ensure they open properly.

[Click here](#) for more information on Window Safety Week or contact us for additional home safety resources.

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## Make Your Home Greener and Celebrate Earth Day

Every April 22 is Earth Day. In recognition, consider these ways you can make your home more environmentally friendly:

1. Rethink lighting. Replacing incandescent light bulbs with LED options can reduce energy consumption and help you save on your power bill.
2. Collect water. Install a rain barrel for when you don't need potable water, such as while watering your garden.
3. Reuse items. Rather than frequently disposing of plastic and single-use materials, choose other options, such as tote bags and reusable water bottles.
4. Consider upgrades. Smart thermostats and Energy Star rated appliances can help optimize your home's efficiency.

For further guidance, contact us.