

# Are your windows **SAFE?**

Falls are the **leading** cause of injury to children age 5 and under  
**WE CAN CHANGE THAT.** Assess your windows using this checklist

Windows on the Second Floor or Above	Windows At Risk	Check List	Follow Up
Window located on the second floor or above and it opens (even with screens)	✓		
Window is low to the floor	✓		
Window has a deep windowsill	✓		
Window has a built in window seat	✓		
Window overlooks a play area OR place of interest to child	✓		
Window does not lock	✓		
Window has furniture or other items near window (that cannot be moved away)	✓		
Window does not have a (releaseable) window stop or guard or window opening control device in place	✓		
Window needs to be opened more than 4 inches	✓		
Window opens and is above 72 inches (6 feet) from ground outside	✓		
Windows on the First Floor			
Child can access window and:	✓		
Window has hard surface outside under window i.e. concrete or deck	✓		
Window is above 72 inches from the ground outside	✓		
Other Factors			
Child(ren) are climbers	✓		
Have more than one young child in the home or visiting the home	✓		
Need to discuss window safety with people/places your child visits (i.e. daycare)	✓		
When buying new windows, make sure they have window opening control devices	✓		

## Our Partners



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These outstanding organizations have embraced our cause – advocating and educating to prevent unintentional childhood injuries – and played an integral role in shaping The Hannah Geneser Foundation.

They have lent their expertise and encouragement in the development and implementation of our window safety outreach program, **Hannah's Hope**. We are proud to call them partners.



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**HANNAH'S HOPE**  
for window safety

**EDUCATE** yourself and  
take the necessary steps  
to **PREVENT** devastating  
accidents from happening

# Our Organization

HOW WE CAME TO BE

In March 2011, four-year-old Hannah Geneser died when a screen gave way and she fell through an open third story window. In response to her untimely and tragic death, the Hannah Geneser Foundation was founded by her parents, Jamie and Shanda. In addition to honoring the memory of Hannah, the foundation's mission is to promote the general cause of childhood safety – with a special focus on window safety – through public awareness and educational opportunities.

**Window accidents are completely preventable.** No parent need suffer the pain and heartbreaking loss of a child from a window fall. **Hannah's Hope** is the window safety outreach program sponsored by the Hannah Geneser Foundation in collaboration with Blank Children's Hospital to help educate parents and other child caregivers on the dangers posed by windows and the actions that can be taken to prevent window accidents. We have provided important and reliable information about window safety – top safety tips, a window safety check-list and window safety devices – in this brochure.

Please take a moment to review this information and take the necessary actions to safeguard your children from window falls. The ASTM approved window safety devices are readily available and very affordable. Check local home improvement and baby stores for window safety device availability or purchase online at [www.KidSafeInc.com](http://www.KidSafeInc.com). It could be one of the most important things you ever take time to do. One life...

# Window Safety Devices

## ASTM INTERNATIONAL APPROVED

ASTM International is a globally recognized leader in the development of international standards for product quality and safety. ASTM International specifications (F2090-2008 & 2010) deal with window safety devices and fall into one of three groups:

- ▶ Fall prevention window guards made with closely spaced bars that fit into or onto the window frame
- ▶ Fall prevention screens made of mesh or other materials that fit into or onto the window frame (totally different in design and function from standard insect screens)
- ▶ Window opening control devices or stops which limit windows opening to 4 inches or less unless a release mechanism (that can be reset) is deliberately undone

There are a variety of window safety devices available. While we do not endorse any particular window safety device, we suggest you consider only ASTM approved devices. Listed below are three examples. For more complete information on window safety, ASTM approved window safety devices and installation, please visit [www.hannahgeneserfoundation.org/window\\_safety.htm](http://www.hannahgeneserfoundation.org/window_safety.htm).



### Guardian Angel Window Guards

- Meets ASTM F2090-08 standards
- Can be used on single, double hung, casement and sliding windows
- Quick release hardware for emergency escape
- Installs easily & securely into window frame
- Fits windows from 14" to 120" wide
- Steel construction withstands 150 pounds of pressure



### KidCo Mesh Window Guard

- Meets ASTM F2090-08 standards
- Can be used on single and double hung windows
- May work on sliding windows that are no more than 30" high
- Mesh design blends with window treatment
- Fits window sizes 26" to 40" wide (height of opening no more than 30")
- Quick release hardware for emergency escape



### KidCo Window Stop

- Meets ASTM F2090-08 standards
- Versatile mounting for single or double hung and sliding windows
- Automatically resets (re-locks) when window is fully opened then closed
- Quick and easy to install; permanently attaches using 2 screws
- Allows 4 inches of ventilation and helps keep children from opening window further
- Adults and older children can open them without special knowledge or tools



## Window Safety Tips

### WINDOW SAFETY TOP TEN

1. Supervise children when they play
2. Teach your children to play a safe distance from windows (i.e. two "giant" steps from the window)
3. Keep beds, furniture and anything a child can climb on away from windows
4. Lock all unopened windows
5. Only open windows that children cannot reach or are secured with a compliant safety device
6. Do not depend on screens to prevent falls, they are not designed for this purpose – Screens keep bugs out; they do not keep kids in
7. Replace broken windows and non-working parts as soon as possible
8. Open your windows from the top, not the bottom (if possible)
9. Install window safety devices that comply with ASTM F2090-2008 and 2010 standards
10. NEVER leave young children unattended near open windows

**NOTE:** When building a new home or replacing windows, ask for models with built-in safety hardware.



## STATISTICS

- Each year in the United States, falls from windows account for an estimated 12 deaths and 5,000 injuries among children aged ten and under.
- Children under four are most apt to sustain head injuries making them almost 2 times more likely to die from a window fall than older children.
- A window screen was in place before the fall in more than 80% of cases.

SOURCE: Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2011

GUARDS

STOPS

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