



## Window and Door Safety for Children

### Windows:

- Screens are made to keep insects out, not to hold the weight of a child
- Keep all furniture away from windows, including cribs
- A child may climb out of a crib on to other furniture such as a bureau which would appear to be safe in front of a window
- No furniture in front of a window is safe
- If possible, open windows from the top, not the bottom
- Children are naturally curious – a dog, flowers, toys and the sounds of other children are magnets for their curiosity
- Window guards are available to place in front and prevent a child from climbing up

### Doors and Screens

- Use safety chains and deadbolts on doors so children cannot wander outside
- Never leave screens unlocked
- Teach older children to be diligent about locking doors and screens
- In an effort to prevent children from opening locks, do not leave chairs and step-stools in close proximity to outside doors
- Door knob protectors can be purchased which make it difficult for a child to turn a door handle/ Use protection gates that have a solid bar across the top instead of the old “accordion” gates, since a gate without a solid bar across the top could be a choking hazard

**The above are precautions and must never be a substitute for CONSTANT SUPERVISION**