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What better time to think about TV safety than before the Super Bowl? On February 1, the day before the Super Bowl, Safe Kids Worldwide and the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA)® are teaming up for National TV Safety Day. We're asking families do a quick check of your home and make sure the TVs are safely secured and properly placed. The safety of your children and your own peace of mind are well worth the time and effort.



## **TV and Furniture Tip-Overs**

You wouldn't think to bring a baby home from the hospital, without a car seat or have your child ride a bike without a helmet. Protecting your children from the potential risk of TV and furniture tip-overs is another important part of keeping them safe.

## **The Hard Facts**

Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tipping over. Over the past 10 years, a child visited the emergency room every 45 minutes because of a TV tipping over.

## **Top Tips**

- I Assess the stability of the TVs in your home.
- I Mount flat-screen TVs to the wall to prevent them from toppling off stands. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that you have a secure fit.
- If you have a large, heavy, old-style cathode ray tube (CRT) TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture.
- If you no longer use your CRT TV, consider recycling it. To find a location to safely and easily recycle unwanted TVs, go to <a href="https://www.GreenerGadgets.org">www.GreenerGadgets.org</a>.
- Use brackets, braces or wall straps to secure unstable or top-heavy furniture to the wall.



