



Baby Proofing Checklist

Make your home as safe as possible for your Nanny Share



Newborn

- ⋮ **Baby proofing** should begin before your little one is on the go.
- Cribs adhere to current safety standards (specified by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission)
- Cribs are free of pillows, bumpers, stuffed animals and blankets
- Baby monitor and electrical cords are at least three feet away from crib
- No-slip stickers under rugs
- Batteries checked in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

Crawling

- ⋮ **Once they start moving**, little ones will start grabbing everything... seriously, *everything*.
- ⋮ Tackle this list once they've started rolling over.

- Safety plugs on accessible unused outlets
- Accessible electrical cords hidden behind furniture or with a hide-a-cord device
- Locks or latches on accessible cabinets and drawers that contain unsafe items

Knives and sharp objects

Dishwasher and laundry goods

Medicines

Cleaning supplies

Crawling (cont.)

- Corner and edge guards on hard furniture
- Furniture that can topple (bookcases, chests, TVs) anchored or secured to the walls
- Tall, unstable lamps secured behind furniture
- Trash cans placed in inaccessible cupboards or have child-resistant covers
- Safety gates at the bottom and top of stairs
- Access controlled to unsafe areas (e.g. basements) with safety gates, door locks, and/or knob covers.
- Sliding doors or other expanses of glass marked (e.g. with colorful stickers)
- Radiators or floor heaters covered or access blocked
- No toxic house plants within reach
- Batteries checked in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- All items reachable from “child POV” are safe

Walking

And they're off! Once your little one starts pulling themselves up, it's time to tackle this list.

- Doors to the outside locked
- Blow dryers, toasters, and other accessible appliances unplugged and out of reach
- Window guards, window stops, and/or safety netting on windows, decks and landings
- Dangling cords on drapes and blinds cut off or tied up
- Knives, breakables, heavy pots, and other dangerous items locked up or out of reach
- Toilet-seat lock or knob cover on bathroom door
- Grill or covering on fireplace
- Batteries checked in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- All items reachable from “child POV” are safe