

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Did you know that 40% of unintentional injuries occur in and around the home and could be prevented? This is where your child spends most of their time learning, growing, and exploring their world. Young children do not know or understand what danger is and learn new things every day. That is why it is so important for you to learn how to make your home safer for your child as they grow.

Listed below, in your child's own words are ways in which they grow and think about danger.



Infants (0-1 year):

I can wiggle, roll over, and fall off things.
I can pull myself up.
I fall down a lot because I am top heavy.
I like to play in water.
I like to explore.
I will put things in my mouth.
I don't know what danger is.



Toddlers (1-2 years):

I am curious about my world and I can explore more now.
I am now able to walk, jump, and run fast.
I can climb up and down stairs.
I can climb and reach more places now.
I still put things in my mouth.
I can't leave water alone.
I still don't know what danger is.



Preschoolers (3-5 years):

I can do more now and learn new things fast.
I learn from watching you.
I like to pretend.
I am a good climber now, and I play outside more.
I can't tell what is safe when I play and explore.
I am not afraid of dangerous things. I don't always know how they can hurt me.

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