

In Memory of Katie Elise Lambert
A Child Safety Check List
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	Ok	Repair	Replace
Bedrooms			
Furniture; No matter what size, anchor to wall. All anchors should be into a stud. Furniture of all heights can tip over.			
Window guards to prevent child from falling out window.			
Electrical outlets should have protective covers to prevent children from inserting objects into outlets.			
Blind and curtain cords shortened so they can not be reached when open and used to hang from.			
Doors with locks MUST have key near by or install door handle without lock.			
Electric cords plugged into outlets should have protective covers over them.			
Window locks present and working.			
Never sleep with children or infants in your bed (or sofa).			
Infants Room in addition to above			
Up to date safe furniture (no recalls, yards sales etc.).			
Crib slats not more then 2 3/8 inches maximum gap.			
Old furniture should be tested for lead paint.			
Changing tables should have guard rails and safety straps for securing infants in place.			
Adjustable crib mattress to get lowered as children can stand.			
Firm mattresses recommend so child can not get face trapped between mattress and crib.			
Flame retardant sleepwear, blanks etc.			
Check all objects for choking hazard. If they can fit into a toilet paper core then child can choke on it.			

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Soft bedding materials such as pillows and comforters and other objects should not be used in the crib.			
Furniture: No matter what size furniture anchor it to the wall. Anchors should be into a stud.			
Remove crib bumpers when children can pull themselves up in the crib.			
Bathrooms			
Toilet locks to prevent small children from falling in the toilet and drowning.			
Lock all medicines.			
Cabinet lock where cleaners are stored.			
Hot water controls (105-125 degrees): anti scalding devices on tubs, showers etc.			
GFIC (Ground Fault Intercept Circuits) in all outlets in bathrooms.			
If door has lock, key must be close by or change door handle not to have a lock.			
Blind and curtain cords shortened.			
Never leave children alone in the tub, not even to answer the phone.			
Never leave children in tub rings devices alone in the tub.			
Tub spout covers.			
Tub slip mat.			
Bathroom floor mat to prevent slipping on wet floors.			
ALWAYS test bath water first with wrists or elbow in several areas. Temperatures are different throughout.			
Keep children away from hot blow dryers, curling irons etc.			

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Halls, Railings and Steps			
All outlets with covers to prevent objects from being inserted.			
Railings properly secured.			
Balusters on railings not more then 4-5 inches apart.			
Baluster netting to prevent small children from fitting between the balusters.			
No objects on steps.			
Stair guards (gates) to prevent access to steps.			
Kitchen			
Drawer and cabinet locks.			
Locks on knife drawers.			
Knives and sharp objects ALWAYS pointing down in dishwasher.			
Lock on refrigerators and freezers doors.			
GFIC (Ground Fault Intercept Circuits) on all outlets.			
Oven door locks.			
Never leave hot ovens or stove tops unattended.			
Pot handles always facing in so children can not pull them down.			
Anti-tipping devices on stoves/ovens.			
Corner guards on tables.			
Window locks.			
Phone cords shortened so they can not be used to hang from.			
High chairs with proper straps so children do not slip down and get their necks caught on the lower strap.			
Never leave children alone in a high chair			
Never let children play with or use toasters, heaters etc.			
Never let children eat alone.			
Keep plastic bags locked and away from children.			

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Living Rooms and Dinning Rooms			
Furniture anchored to a stud in the wall no matter what height of furniture.			
Corner guards on all tables.			
Glass inserts on tables should be tempered glass.			
Objects on table tops can be pulled down by children.			
Keep TV's pushed as far back on the stand/cabinet as possible.			
Outlets with covers to prevent objects from being inserted.			
Laundry Rooms, Utility Rooms			
Hot irons never left unattended.			
Irons never left (even if cool) on ironing board.			
Laundry detergent and chemicals locked away.			
Children should not have access to the washer and dryer. Could get locked inside.			
Buckets: can be used to climb and if children fall into buckets they might not be able to get themselves out. It takes approximately 2 inches of water to cause a child to drown.			
Playrooms			
Toy chest should have a safety latch to keep the lid from falling on the children.			
Check all toys for proper age and choking hazards.			
Outlets with covers to prevent objects from being inserted.			
Ensure that older children's toys are not accessible to smaller children.			

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Miscellaneous			
Smoke detectors present and working.			
Carbon monoxide detectors present and working.			
Home fire drills.			
Door Alarms.			
Lower water temperature on hot water heater if anti-scalding devices are not in place.			
Rodent poisons out of reach of children in any area of the house.			
Never leave children unattended in highchairs, swings, playpen, play yard, etc.			
Ensure that children can not get behind radiators.			
Check the type of plants that are in the house to ensure they are not poisonous if eaten.			
Bikes, skate boards, roller blades etc: Ensure that children have proper helmets, wrist guards, knee and elbow pads.			
Never leave ladders unattended around children.			
Never let children into unfinished attics. Children can step off of the floored areas and fall through the ceilings. Roofing nails protrude through the roof sheathing and can cause puncture wounds to the head.			
Firearms and Hunting Equipment			
Firearms: trigger locks or proper locking devices to prevent children from being able to operate.			
Firearms stored separate from ammunition.			
Hunting knives stored out of reach of children.			
Fishing hooks and knives stored out of reach of children.			
Pools and Hot tubs			
Pools gates locked.			
Pool covered with proper protective covers.			

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Children never left alone in or near any size pool			
Proper life vest for children in pools.			
Pool water movement alarms. (see local pool store)			
Pool ladders locked or raised when not in use.			
Keep hot tubs covered and secured.			
Garages			
Locked so children can not wonder unattended.			
Power tools out of reach.			
Power tools with safety keys.			
Chemicals, gas, paint etc. out of reach of children.			
Cutting tools out of reach of children.			
Electric garage door openers should have emergency reversing systems.			
Cars			
Proper child safety seats.			
No children under 12 years old and 100 lbs in front seat.			
No child safety seat in front seat. Air bags hitting car seat can seriously injure children.			
Never leave children alone in the car.			
Always have children in car seats or seat belts.			
Before backing up a car or moving a car in a driveway WALK around and check the location for children and their toys. Children can not be seen in mirrors.			
Fireplaces			
Never leave children alone by a hot fireplace.			
Have safety screens to prevent small children from touching the hot glass doors or fire.			
Keep fireplace tools out of reach of children.			

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General Information and Concerns.			
Never let children plug in appliances or turn appliances on or off.			
Never leave children unattended.			
Learn CPR			
Remember children don't understand danger, they are curious and fast.			
Never let children play or use lights, matches etc.			
Ensure babysitters know and understand dangers to children.			
Ensure babysitters know CPR and what to do in case of an emergency.			
Phone Numbers.			
Police:			
Fire:			
Ambulance:			
Poison Control:			
Doctor:			

This is only a basic list for child safety. Not every possible situation is covered. Please add to or modify this list to fit your family needs. Practicing for emergencies is not always something you have time for. But will be something you will be thankful for if ever needed. Any question or suggestions please contact the Katie Elise Lamberts web site at www.katieeliselambert.org or call M.E.D. Home Inspection Company at 215-632-4220

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