

Kids Don't Fly

Prevent falls from windows and balconies

Window and Balcony Safety Checklist

The Building Code of Australia permits a maximum opening of 12.5cm for windows and balustrades (where regulated). There are no laws that require window and balustrade openings in older buildings to meet current building standards.

YES NO

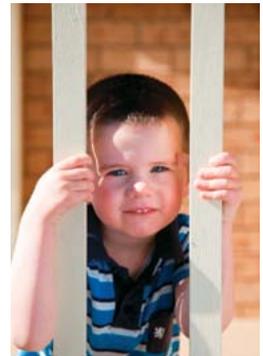
Window Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all windows above the ground floor have guards/latches/locks fitted to stop windows opening more than 12.5cm? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Where possible, do you open windows from the top? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you know that a flyscreen is not strong enough to stop a child from falling out of a window? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are beds and other furniture kept away from windows so that children cannot climb up to windows? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children taught to play away from windows? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children always supervised when near windows? |



Balcony and Balustrade Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are doors and windows locked when the balcony is not being used? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are balcony balustrades (railings) at least 1 metre high? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all gaps in the balcony balustrade no wider than 12.5cm, to ensure children cannot fall through? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the balustrade free of any horizontal (or near horizontal) bars that would allow children to climb and reach the top rail? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are furniture, potted plants, and other climbable objects kept away from the edge of balconies? (Be aware of furniture that is light enough for a child to drag to the edge). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you checked your balustrade to ensure that it is safe and in good working order? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children always supervised when on the balcony? |



If you answered "NO" to any question above, your child may be in danger of a serious fall.



For information and translations, visit
www.health.nsw.gov.au/childsafety

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