

Take Home Intergenerational Literacy Activity – Home Observation

Skills for Children:

2-4 year olds – vocabulary development
observation

4-7 year olds – as above

CASAS Competencies:

3.4.2 – Identify safety measures that can prevent accidents and injuries

Vocabulary for Parents:

articles	stepladders	repair
handrail	repair	stairs
doorways	portable	fire extinguisher
handy	appliances	insulated
grounded	flammable	utensils
matches	containers	protective
bleach	dangerous	compounds
furniture	landings	fastened
securely	spark	fireplace
electrical	implements	racks
heating	basement	clutter
shellac	substantial	receptacles
firebox	flue	chimney
bathtub	suitable	poison
adequate	scuttle	orderly

Instructions for Parents:

Parents: Please work with your child to complete this activity.

Skills that your child is learning in this activity are:

- ✓ **Vocabulary development**
- ✓ **Observing**

During the activity:

- **Please walk through your house with the checklist.**
- **Point out how areas are safe and make a check in that box on the checklist.**
- **Help your child look in their room for areas that may be unsafe. Example: toys in the doorway**

Home Safety Checklist

A full list of unsafe conditions in the home that may mean painful injuries or possibly death would fill hundreds of pages; however, the following list includes some of the major causes of home accidents. A thorough home check with the help of this chart should bring your attention to conditions which require correction.

General

- Stairs free of all articles
- Stepladders in good repair and safe working order
- Stairs provided with a sturdy handrail and in good repair
- Stairs, walks, and doorways free of ice during the winter season
- Portable fire extinguisher handy and in good working order

Kitchen

- Gas appliances in good repair and safe operating condition
- All electrical appliances in good repair, safe operating condition, and properly insulated and grounded
- No storing of gasoline or other flammable liquids
- Handles of hot utensils on the range out of reach of children
- Matches and lighters stored in a metal container out of children's reach
- Protective rack for knives, scissors, ice picks, etc
- Dye, bleaches and dangerous chemicals stored out of children's reach

Living, Dining and Bedrooms

- All furniture firm and solid
- Carpet on stairs and landings fastened securely
- Spark screen for fireplace
- Electrical cords and appliances in good repair
- Electrical cords out of traffic area

Basement

- Oily rags not stored in living area
- Hand tools and garden implements stored on racks
- Heating unit in good repair and safe operating condition
- All storage areas orderly
- Basement stairs in good repair with hand rails and steps free of clutter
- Paint, oil, shellac not stored in living area
- Flues and chimneys in safe operating condition

Attic

- Area used for storage has flooring
- Storage space orderly and free of unwanted or unnecessary articles
- Adequate lighting provided
- Sturdy ladder in safe condition if entrance has fold-down ladder

Bathroom

- Hand rails on or near the bathtub
- Non-slip mat in and out of bathtub or shower
- Medicines in suitable cabinet out of children’s reach
- All poisons labeled and locked separately
- Proper first aid equipment provided
- Floors clear of soap, pools of water, and other objects or conditions which cause falls

Garage

- Automatic motion sensors for automatic overhead doors
- Gasoline, paint, and poisons in locked metal cabinets
- Power tools disconnected when not in use
- Hand tools kept in a safe area away from children

Additional Areas

Make your own checklist areas

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