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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy
To: Housing Occupants

Subj: ANTI-TIPPING INFORMATION FOR HOUSING OCCUPANTS FURNITURE

1. Furniture Tip-over Facts:

a. In 2019, 11,521 children visited the emergency department for injuries from furniture or TV tip-overs. That's one child every 46 minutes.

b. Furniture and TV tip-overs cause the most injuries for children younger than six years of age, with a peak at two years old. Young children are most likely to suffer concussion and closed head injuries.

c. Desks, cabinets, and bookshelves tipping over lead to the greatest number of injuries to children ages 10-17 years. These older children usually suffer lower body injuries.

2. What causes furniture to tip-over:

a. Most injuries occur when unsecured furniture falls or tips-over.

b. Many times a child pulls the furniture onto themselves.

c. Most injuries occur to children younger than 7 years of age.

3. Prevention:

a. Purchase furniture with wide legs or solid bases.

b. Install drawer stops on all drawers to prevent them from being pulled out more than two-thirds of the way.

c. Place heavy items close to the floor on shelves.

d. Avoid putting attractive items, such as toys or the remote, on top of furniture.

e. Wall mount flat screen TVs whenever possible.

f. Tuck cords away so they can't be pulled on or become a tripping hazard.

g. You may want to consider discussing installing safety straps/equipment with your landlord.

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Get On Top of It Before They Do!

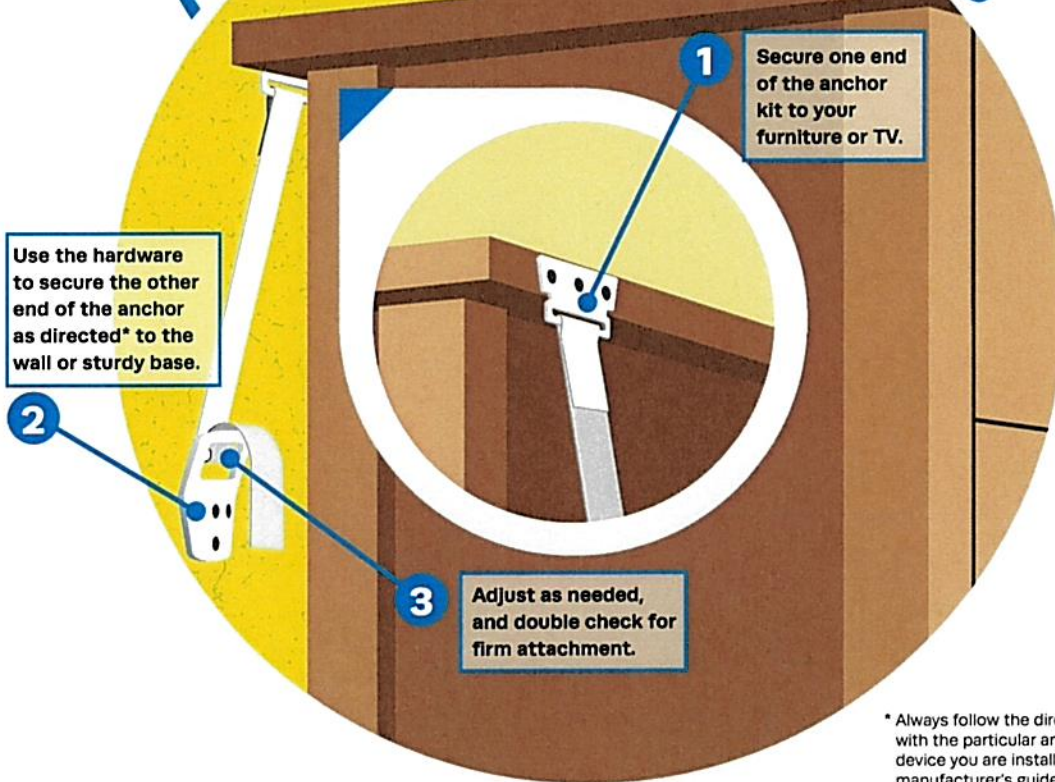


Anchor It!
Secure Furniture and TVs:
Protect Children

Every day children are injured from tipped furniture & falling TVs.

It's easy, inexpensive, and only takes a few minutes to save a child.

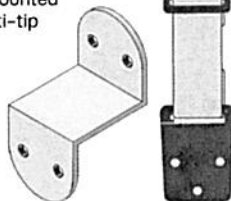
Anchoring is Easy as 1-2-3



* Always follow the directions included with the particular anchor or anti-tip device you are installing. Follow all manufacturer's guidelines for safety.

What You Need:

A variety of products are readily available to fit your budget and help secure items in your home, from wall- and furniture-mounted straps to anti-tip brackets.



What Needs to Be Secure:



Dressers



TVs



Large Furniture