

CPSG Safety Alert

Preventing Window Falls

Every year, thousands of young children are killed or injured in falls from windows. To help prevent these tragedies, take the following actions -- especially for windows in bedrooms.

- Safeguard your windows with window guards or window stops.
 - Install *window guards* to prevent children from falling out of windows. (For windows on the 6th floor and below, install window guards that adults and older children can open easily in case of fire.)
 - Install *window stops* so that windows open no more than 4 inches.
- Never depend on screens to keep children from falling out of windows.
 - Whenever possible, open windows from the top -- not the bottom.
 - Keep furniture away from windows, to discourage children from climbing near windows.

See and share CPSC's Neighborhood Safety Network posters (English and Spanish) and video on window safety.