

PREVENTING PEDIATRIC WINDOW FALLS

Each year, 3,500 to 5,000 U.S. children are hospitalized after falling from an open window. Window screens provide no protection against these tragedies and likely contribute to the risk of a fall. Over 85% percent of children who fall through windows first fall through a screen.



SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS



- Keep windows closed and locked when ventilation is not required.
- Install guards or stops to limit windows from opening more than 4 inches.
- Never expect window screens to keep children safe.
- Avoid placing furniture near windows to limit climbing access.
- Keep play areas away from open windows and doors.

