How to Prevent Window Falls

- Keep windows closed and locked when not needed for ventilation.
- Install guards or stops to limit how far windows can open.
- Avoid relying on window screens to prevent falls – they are not designed to bear the weight of a child.
- Avoid placing furniture near windows to limit climbing access.
- Encourage children to play away from windows and doors.
"Harborview Medical Center in Seattle admits 40 to 50 young children each year for injuries sustained in falls from windows. Experts say these falls are largely preventable."

Dr. Brian Johnston, Chief of Pediatrics
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.