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**Window Falls**

- Keep windows closed & locked when not needed for ventilation
- Avoid relying on window screens to prevent falls
  Window screens are not designed to bear the weight of a child
- Install guards or stops to limit how far windows can open
- Encourage children to play away from windows & doors
- Avoid placing furniture near windows to limit climbing access

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Over 94% of the windows that children fall through HAVE a window screen in place.

“Window screens give a false sense of security,” says Dr. Brian Johnston, chief of pediatrics at Harborview Medical Center, the region’s only Level I pediatric and adult trauma center. “A screen is not a safety device. It’s designed to keep insects out, not to keep children in. Parents of young children need to take other steps to prevent this tragedy.”
Keep children safe – never open a window more than four inches!

Window screens DO NOT prevent children from falling through windows – they create false sense of security & contribute to fall risk.

Window screens are designed to pop out for fire safety. The weight of a child can easily push through a window screen.

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