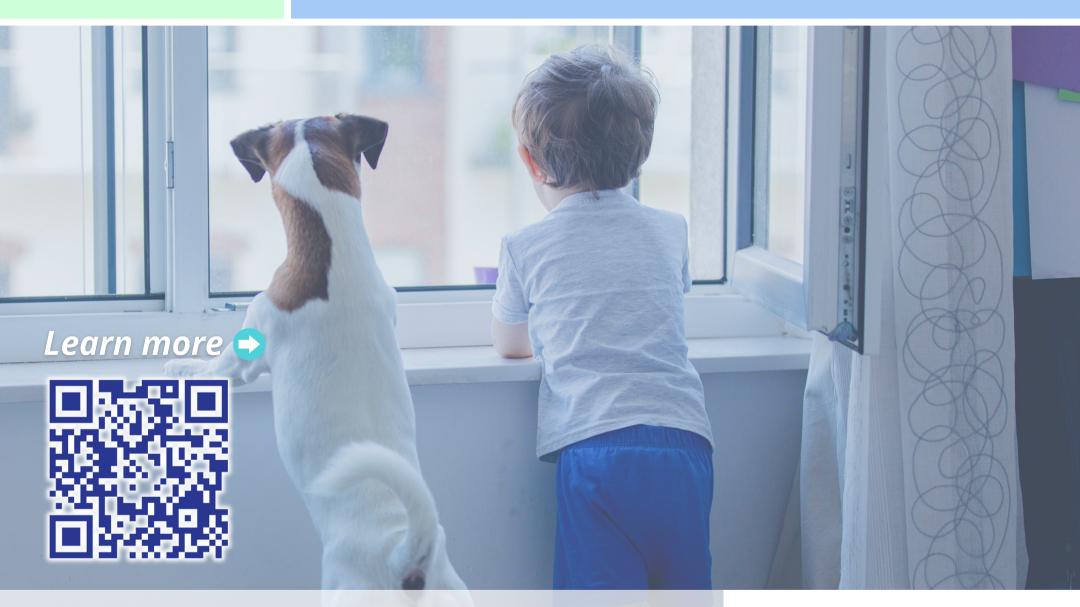


Keep windows closed & locked when not needed for ventilation	Avoid relying on window screens to prevent falls Window screens <u>are not</u> designed to bear the weight of a child	Install guards or stops to limit how far windows can open
Encourage children to play away from windows & doors	Avoid placing furniture near windows to limit climbing access	HARBORVIEW INJURY PREVENTION & RESEARCH CENTER UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON hiprc.org/windowfalls

Over 94%

of the windows that children fall through <u>HAVE</u> 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." HARBORVIEW INJURY PREVENTION & RESEARCH CENTER UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

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Four inches

Keep children safe – <u>NEVER</u> open a window more than four inches!

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Window screens <u>DO NOT</u> 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. HARBORVIEW INJURY PREVENTION & RESEARCH CENTER

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