

• ***How to Prevent*** •

# ***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.*

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**“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.”



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# Four inches ■■■■

Keep children safe –  
*NEVER open a window  
more than four inches!*

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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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