



Kitchen Safety Tips

Your world changes when you have a baby. Your world changes even more when your baby starts exploring the world around her. Suddenly, danger lurks around every corner. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to help protect your baby in your home:

- Use child safety locks to keep detergents, pesticides, cleaning products, and any other toxic household chemicals out of baby's reach.
- Store knives and other sharp tools, such as food-processor blades, in latched drawers or high cabinets. Peelers, graters, and other kitchen utensils can also be sharp and should be treated just like knives.
- Move the toaster, coffeemaker, and all other electrical appliances out of your child's reach. Unplug them and hide the cords when they're not in use.
- Put latches on the doors to the oven, microwave, and refrigerator. Install knob covers on all stove knobs so your child can't turn on the burners.
- If it's too difficult to watch your baby and cook at the same time, put him in a play yard nearby so he can be part of the action without getting underfoot.