

Outdoor safety at home

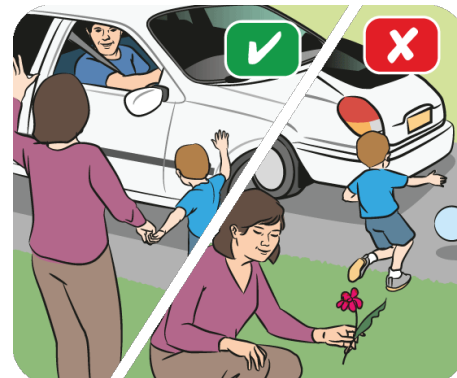
Child safety at home: around water, driveways and roads



Use [swimming pool fences](#) that meet Australian standards. Keep them in good working order. Securely cover birdbaths and ponds with wire mesh, or leave them empty until children are five years old.



For [safe fun with water](#), always watch your child and stay within arm's reach – even if your child can swim.



For [pedestrian safety](#), always supervise children. Hold hands near cars, roads and driveways. Reverse down driveways only when you know where children are.

Child safety around play equipment and in the garden



For [safety around play equipment](#), always supervise your child. Or better still, play with your child!



[Sun safety](#) means sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher), a hat, sunglasses and clothing that covers your child's skin.



Fence off [dangerous plants](#), or remove them until your child knows not to touch or eat them (usually around three years).

Home safety around sheds, garages and tools



Lock your **shed, garage and storage boxes**. Also lock away hand tools. Keep lawnmowers, chainsaws and power tools out of reach. Keep [household poisons](#) out of reach, out of sight and locked away, at least 1.5 metres up.

When **using tools**, make sure your child is out of the way. Unplug tools when not in use.



Keep emergency numbers on your fridge or in your phone.

Read more about [making your home safe](#) for your child.