

Window Fall Prevention

In the U.S. 3,300 children under the age of 6 fall from windows every year. Around 8 children die each year. 70% of falls are from second or third story windows.

Window falls and Children

- Do you have windows that are 6 feet or more off the ground?
- How about when your child visits someone else's home?
- What actions have you taken to protect your child?

Children at Risk

- Playful and spontaneous children.
- Imaginative children.
- Energetic children.
- *Sound like any children you know?*

Children at Highest Risk

- Boys
- Under 5 years old
- Supervising caregivers are distracted (making meals, entertaining, etc.)

Goals of Window Safety

- To educate families about preventing falls from windows.
- To reduce the number of children who fall from windows by challenging communities and families to install window stops and guards.
- To educate families about the importance of windows for emergency escape and rescue.

Window Safety

- Teach your children that "screens keep bugs out, they do not keep kids in."
- Teach them to play a safe distance from windows and enforce this rule in your home. (i.e. "we play one big step away from windows.")
- Keep Furniture or things children can climb away from windows.
- Install window stops that allow you to open windows **up** to 4 inches. (Be sure an adult can open them in an emergency.)
- Install window guards on windows you open **more** than 4 inches. (be sure an adult can open them in an emergency.)
- When purchasing new windows, consider ones with built-in safety hardware, known as a Window Opening Control Device.

Please share this information with child care providers, grandparents, babysitters, friends and neighbors who may have children visit their home.



"I want my story to be one others learn from, not relate to."

Parker's mom, Ashley



Hi, My name is Parker Reck

I passed away when I was four years old from falling out of my second story window. It was a nice day and the window was open a couple of inches. I managed to open it all the way. To get a better look, I climbed up, lost my balance and fell onto the patio below. I live happily in Heaven watching over those I love and care about. It's my parents mission now to help educate everyone so this won't happen to anyone else!"

PARKER

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Parker's parents:
Ashley and Shane Reck



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