

APRIL is Window Fall Prevention Month

Clackamas Fire District #1
Fire Prevention and Safety



Children under 7 years are most at risk!

June, July & August have the most window falls!

Only 25% - 30% of all window falls get reported!

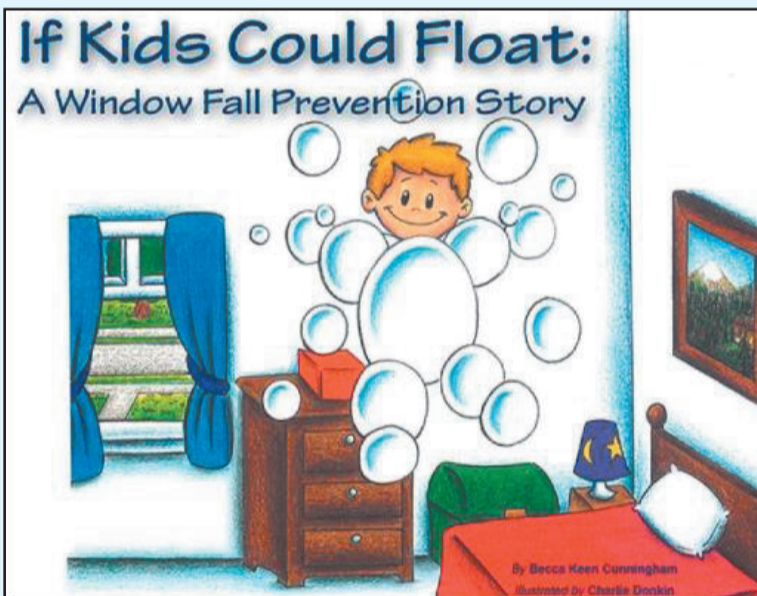


Window falls are predictable, therefore preventable. We need your help to reduce the risk of injury to children. Safe Kids Worldwide reports 3,300 children under age 6 fall from windows every year.

Windows attract curious children. Children under 7 are most at risk of falling from windows and least likely to remember rules. Most window falls happen from windows with properly installed screens.

You can protect your child from falling from a window.

- Teach kids and care givers that screens keep bugs out not kids in.
- Limit window openings to less than 4 inches.
- On windows that pose a fall risk, limit window openings: STOP at 4" or less by installing child safety window stops that can be easily removed by an adult in an emergency. If you must open a window more than 4" install a window guard that can be easily removed by an adult in an emergency.
- Crime prevention devices on windows do not protect children from falls.
- Do not let children watch you operate any child safety product!
- Remember children imitate adults.
- Keep play spaces fun & safe.
- Keep areas in front of windows clear of anything a child can climb on.
- Children have climbed on furniture, toys and even laundry -and fallen out of a window.
- Enforce a KID-FREE ZONE in front of all windows.
- Do not allow children to play near windows. Enforce this rule in your home and explain it to other caregivers.
- Keep windows closed and locked when not in use.
- Ask about window safety when your child visits other homes.



Local author, Becca Keen Cunningham wrote this book after her 3 - year-old son fell out of his 2nd story window. It includes an engaging story for young children and prevention information for adults.

Myths about Window Falls

1. My kids know better.
2. We live in single story house so they can't get hurt.
3. Only kids with inattentive parents get hurt.
4. I have a window (bug) screen, that will keep them from falling.
5. My child is not old enough to climb through a window.

Visit the STOP at 4 Inch,
The Campaign to Stop Window Falls website:
www.stopat4.com

Get practical help and resources from Randall Children's Hospital's
Safety Center: www.legacyhealth.org/windowsafety

Need help?

Contact: Jan Berichon, Health Educator, Randall Children's Hospital
Safety Center 503-413-4600

Kidco Window Stops

Guardian Angel Window Guards

Tough Tek Safety Screens

<http://www.stopat4.com/about/community-resources>