

Window Safety and Kids



"Hi, My name is Parker Reck. I passed away when I was 4 from falling out of my second story window. It was a nice day and the window was only open a couple of inches. But 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 all those I love and care about. It's my parent's mission now to help educate everyone so this won't happen to anyone else!"

Window Falls and Children:

- USA: 3300 children under the age of 6 fall every year, 70% fall from second or third story windows.
- Oregon: 40 to 50 children fall from windows per year.
- Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel: 6 children were admitted in 3 weeks in 2009.
- One of those children died, his name was Parker Reck.
- *Randall Children's Hospital Safety Center responds to community need for window fall prevention education.*

Children at Risk:

- Impulsive and playful children
- Imaginative and curious children
- Energetic and persistent children
- **Sound like any children you know?**

Children at Highest Risk:

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

Goals of Window Safety Education:

- To educate families about the importance of **windows for emergency escape and rescue.**
- To educate families about **preventing falls from windows.**

Window Safety

- Keep furniture or anything a **child can climb** away from windows.
- Only allow windows to **open 4 inches and install a window stop** to keep children from opening them further. (Be sure an adult can open them in an emergency).
- **IF** you open windows wider than 4 inches, install **window guards that can be removed by an adult** in an emergency.
- **Teach your children** about window safety. "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 2 (big) steps away from windows)
- **Share this information with grandparents, childcare providers, friends and neighbors that children visit.**

TODAY'S child safety practices have changed.

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