



Planet ThinkSafe

At Home – General Safety

Your home is a special place. It is a place you should feel loved and safe as well as a place to have fun.

ThinkSafe SAM will highlight some common hazards at home and tell you how to help make them safer.

Emergency services

Do you know the emergency number to ring if something happened like a fire, or someone being badly hurt in your home? You can waste precious time if you don't know how to call for help.

The emergency number is 000.

You may also use 112 from mobile phones.

You will need to tell the operator what service you need: **POLICE, FIRE** or **AMBULANCE**. You will then be put through to the emergency service.

Tell the emergency service person what is wrong and your **name, address** and **telephone number**.

There are lots of hazards around the home, including:

Spot the hazard	Assess the risk	Make the changes
Electricity and electrical appliances	Can cause electric shock, electrocution or start a fire Can trip on cords causing bruises, broken bones or other injuries.	Turn off electrical appliances when not in use and before unplugging them. Hold the plug and not the cord when unplugging them. Make sure your hands are dry when touching appliances or cords. Make sure cords from power points to appliances do not go across walking areas where people may trip on them.
Heaters and fireplaces	Can cause burns or fires to start	Keep furniture, curtains and clothes away from heaters and fireplaces. Ask an adult to fit a protective screen around the heater or fireplace.
Objects stored on high shelves	Things could fall on top of you causing bruises or other injuries	Ask an adult for help to get high objects. Don't climb on furniture.
Unstable furniture or shelves	Could topple onto you and cause head injuries or broken bones	Ask an adult to check that shelving and furniture, including TVs, are stable.
Poisons	Can make you sick, hurt your eyes or cause skin burns/rashes	Put them away out of reach of children or in childproof cupboards.
Sharp objects and tools	You could be cut, stabbed or get eye injuries	Only use sharp objects for the correct purpose and put them away when not in use. Avoid walking around with sharp objects and tools. If you have to, carry it by your side and point the sharp end to the floor.