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# SURPRISING CHOKING HAZARDS IN YOUR HOME

Risk of choking increases as children begin to crawl and explore their surrounding world. Use this guide to help prevent your toddlers or babies from choking.

## FOOD



**PEANUT BUTTER**  
Spread thinly.



**LUNCHMEAT**  
Cut into pea-sized pieces.



**BONES**  
Inspect all fish and other meat for hidden bones.



**HOT DOGS**  
Slice hotdogs into noodle-like strips.



**CARROTS**  
Chop and cook for babies. Cut and slice into strips for toddlers.



**GRAPES**  
Cut into quarters. (Applies to most fruits).



**MARSHMALLOWS**  
Wait until school age.



**POPCORN, PEANUTS & NUTS**  
Wait until school age.



**HARD CANDY**  
Wait until school age. Teach older children not to share hard candy.

## AROUND THE HOUSE



**PET FOOD**  
Monitor your pets as they eat and move the dishes out of reach when pets aren't eating.



**MAGNET**  
Put out-of-reach. Double check magnets are properly put together and pieces aren't missing.



**BATTERIES**  
Keep batteries and items they belong to out-of-reach.



**LAUNDRY PODS**  
Keep out-of-reach.



**WATER BOTTLE CAPS**  
Not a playful noisemaker! Keep away.



**DOORSTOP TOPPERS**  
Take off doorstop toppers or secure with superglue.



**COINS**  
Make a family coin jar for on top of the fridge.



**BEANBAG CHAIRS**  
Put beanbag chairs in storage until baby is older, or get rid of these chairs entirely.



**LATEX BALLOONS**  
Wait until school age.