

## Dogs



It is a myth that most bites occur in the street with unfamiliar dogs by dangerous breeds. Most dog bites take place within the home and involve younger children. 29 children were bitten by dogs in Jersey last year.



Young children are unable to easily recognise an angry dog face. They also tend to lean in closely to objects when they want to take a look. They get excited around dogs, leading them to approach them quickly, talk loudly and try to hug the dog. Remember, creeping up on a pet that is sleeping, petting a dog playing with its toy or trying to stroke a dog in a car or fence are all recognised hot spots. The dog may bite when startled or frightened, think a child is trying to take its toy away or be instinctively protecting their property or home.

For more information log on to  
[www.cap.je](http://www.cap.je)  
a Jersey website for  
child accident prevention



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# December child safety check list 2010

Think Safe ~ Have fun ~ Be Safe



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## Window blind cord safety

- Check your window blind cords and make sure all cords are secured out of reach. Babies and children are at risk from strangulation on the hanging looped cords
- Check your child's cot, bed, highchair or playpen is not near to a window blind .
- Check there are no sofas, chairs or bookcases near to a window blind, as children love to climb.

## Christmas decorations

- Check that any Christmas novelties are not left within easy reach of young children, on the floor or hung on the bottom of your tree. They are not toys and do not follow the



same rigorous safety tests. Many have easily detached small pieces on them or are made of a frame of sharp wire.

## Recalled products

- Check product recall websites to see if any of your toys or highchairs have been listed. There has recently been a lot of recalls due to the use of lead paint, magnets and small parts easily becoming removed.

Go to [www.cap.je](http://www.cap.je) to see recalled products.

## Party food

- Check peanuts are kept out of reach of small children, as they often put things in their mouths, ears and noses. Inhaled peanuts cause a severe inflammatory reaction to the lungs.



## Toys

- Check all magnets are out of sight and safety stored away. Magnets are a common toy part, but if more than one is swallowed there is a risk they can stick together in a child's tummy and cause the bowel to be damaged
- Check all button batteries are out of sight and safety stored away. Most button batteries will pass through a child if swallowed. If one does get stuck before it reaches the stomach it can cause burns and must be removed.
- Check any burst balloons are removed straight way as they are a recognized choking hazard.

## Fire risk in the home



- Check are always put candles on a heat resistant surface. Be especially careful with night lights and tea lights, which get hot enough to melt plastic. TVs are not fire-resistant objects.
- Check lit candles are never in the reach of children and are never left lit with no adult in the room.
- Check you are only using a fused strip



adapter to increase the number of plug sockets you need. Block adapters are at risk to overloading and causing a fire.

- Check you have a carbon monoxide alarm if you burn fossil fuels such as gas, coal, wood or oil. If they're not working properly, if the flue is blocked in any way, or if the room is not properly ventilated it can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Check your smoke alarm works once a week. Don't be tempted to remove the battery and use it somewhere else— smoke alarms save lives.

