

Important safety warning

Nappy sacks

Nappy sacks are handy for disposing of used nappies but they pose a hazard to children. To avoid danger of suffocation and choking:

Do: Always keep nappy sacks and other plastic bags and wrapping away from babies and young children.

Don't: Never place nappy sacks in a baby's cot or pram.



Medicines & chemicals

From around 6 months babies start to put things to their mouths to investigate them. To avoid danger of poisoning and choking:

Do: Always keep medicines and household cleaning products out of the sight and reach of children, preferably in a high lockable cupboard.

Don't: Leave medicines lying around the home in children's reach e.g. in your handbag or on a bedside table.



Keep these items out of children's sight and reach!

Hair straighteners

Young children's skin is 15 times thinner than adults. This means they can suffer painful burns more easily. To avoid the danger of serious burns and fire:

Do: Turn hair straighteners off by the plug as soon as you've finished using them. Put them in a safe place to cool down out of children's reach.

Don't: Place them on bedding or carpets or leave them unattended.



Blind cords

Children can easily get blind cords caught around their neck and become unable to free themselves. To avoid danger of serious injury and strangulation:

Do: Tie-up cords out of children's reach using a cord shortener, cleat or household clothes peg.

Don't: Place a child's cot, bed, highchair, playpen or items of furniture near a window blind.



For further help and advice on keeping your children safe please visit our website at www.cornwallandislesofscilly.nhs.uk

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