Safety & Your Child
8 months - 2 years

YOU AND YOUR TODDLER

I can move
I can crawl, shuffle, start to walk. I will walk, reach, climb, pull, put things in my mouth.

I cannot see danger.

I do not understand NO!

I am curious, this is how I learn.

I fall easily
I can run really fast.
I stumble and fall onto things.
Keep using safety equipment.

Cookers can be dangerous
I may try to reach the saucepan or knobs.
Keep me away when the cooker is on.

I can choke
Don’t leave me on my own to eat.
Food may choke me.

Don’t place a child’s cot, bed, highchair, playpen or items of furniture near a window blind.

Watch out for glass
If at low level in furniture and doors, remove it or cover it with safety film.

Poisons
I will eat anything!
Lock away all medicines, cleaners, and chemicals in the house, garage and garden.

Don’t leave medicines lying around the home in children’s reach eg in your handbag or on a bedside table.

Watch out for plants and berries

I like to copy you
I can cook, clean, go into cupboards, plug things in.
I need help to stay in one piece.
Take special care
when I am with family or at friends’ houses.
Help them to help me to keep safe.

I like to explore
I pull, push and I poke my fingers everywhere.

Taking me out?
Strap me into my pram or buggy.
When we cross the road or in car parks take extra care.

When I’m out walking, use a harness
Have you got my new car seat?
Having problems?
For advice visit your nearest car seat supplier or go to:
www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk

I could be burnt
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.

I could be anywhere
If you can’t hear me - come and find me.
Stay near me when I play.