

Kids Don't Fly

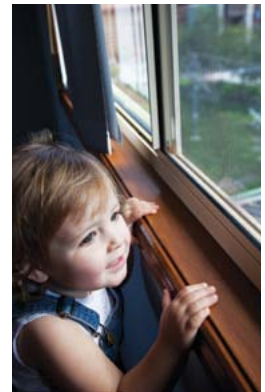
Prevent falls from windows and balconies

Window and Balcony Safety Checklist

The Building Code of Australia permits a maximum opening of 12.5cm for windows and balustrades (where regulated). There are no laws that require window and balustrade openings in older buildings to meet current building standards.

YES NO

- | YES | NO | Window Safety |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all windows above the ground floor have guards/latches/locks fitted to stop windows opening more than 12.5cm? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Where possible, do you open windows from the top? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you know that a flyscreen is not strong enough to stop a child from falling out of a window? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are beds and other furniture kept away from windows so that children cannot climb up to windows? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children taught to play away from windows? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children always supervised when near windows? |



Balcony and Balustrade Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are doors and windows locked when the balcony is not being used? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are balcony balustrades (railings) at least 1 metre high? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all gaps in the balcony balustrade no wider than 12.5cm, to ensure children cannot fall through? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the balustrade free of any horizontal (or near horizontal) bars that would allow children to climb and reach the top rail? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are furniture, potted plants, and other climbable objects kept away from the edge of balconies? (Be aware of furniture that is light enough for a child to drag to the edge). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you checked your balustrade to ensure that it is safe and in good working order? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children always supervised when on the balcony? |



If you answered "NO" to any question above, your child may be in danger of a serious fall.



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