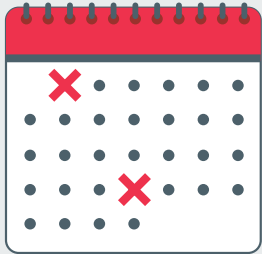




Furniture and TV Tip-Overs

How kids are getting hurt and what to do about it.

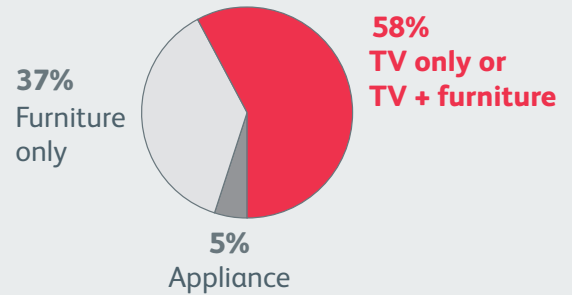
Every 3 weeks a child dies from a furniture or TV tip-over.*



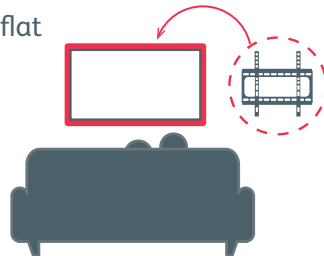
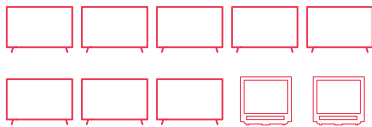
Seven children go to the ER every day because of a furniture or TV tip-over.



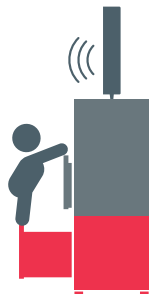
Child Fatalities by Tip-Over Type



Today, it is estimated that **8 in 10 families now have a smart TV**, rather than the heavier, box-style CRT TVs. However, flat screen TVs still **need to be secured**.



From 2013 to 2023, **39%** of fatal tip-over injuries involving a TV alone or TV in combination with other furniture **involved the child climbing** on the furniture or TV.



Child ER Visits for Falls by Type of Furniture Tip-Over

38%
Table



28%
Chest, bureau, or dresser



16%
Shelving or bookcase



18%
Other (includes cabinets and TV stands)



Safety Tips

- ✓ **Properly place your old TV.** If you have a heavier, box-style TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture that is appropriate for the TV's size and weight.
- ✓ **When purchasing clothing storage units, look for items compliant with the STURDY Act.** For more information on the STURDY act go to: <https://myhfa.org/blog/important-safety-reminder-with-tip-over-and-the-sturdy-act/>
- ✓ **Install stops on dresser drawers.** Children often use drawers as stairs to climb. Installing stops can keep drawers from being pulled all the way out and tipping.
- ✓ **Secure furniture to the wall.** Use anti-tip brackets, braces, or wall straps to secure furniture to the wall.
- ✓ **Secure your flat-panel TV.** Be sure your flat-panel TV is properly secured with a wall mount that has a safety certification by an independent laboratory (such as UL, CSA, ETL).
- ✓ **Rearrange household items.** Store heavy objects on lower shelves or in lower drawers. Avoid placing remote controls, toys, or other items in places where kids can see them and might be tempted to climb up or reach for them.
- ✓ **For more information visit www.safekids.org/tv and www.anchorit.gov.**

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* Source: Based on estimates from the CPSC for ED-treated injuries resulting from an instability or tip-over for 2020-2022 and fatalities for 2013-2023.