## Keeping Your Child Safe Wherever They Are

As parents we want to create an environment that is safe and free from harmful elements for our children.

Please

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me in my car

seat

- When driving, have your baby in their car seat at all times. Remember, infants need to be placed in a rear-facing car seat. Even older toddlers need to be in a proper fitting car seat at all times.
- Keep harmful chemicals such as cleaning and other household products out of your child's reach. Items such as these should be stored in high cabinets, behind a locking door or in a cabinet with a child-proof latch.
- Keep sharp objects out of reach. Can your child reach the knife or silverware drawer? If so, you may need to put a child-proof latch to eliminate their access.
- Once your little one starts being able to move around, either by crawling or walking, you will need to cover electrical outlets; put plants and electric cords out of their reach; and ensure that sharp corners are softened by applying padding to the edges.
- Babies have a tendency to put almost everything in their mouths. To minimize the risk of choking keep small objects out of your child's play area and out of their reach. Since babies have this natural tendency to bring items to their face keep their space free of loose blankets especially during the night and during nap times when you will not be watching them. These items can pose a suffocation risk.
- Bath time is often very enjoyable for babies but make sure you are watching them during this time. Drowning can occur even in a tub with a low water level.