Thanksgiving Safety Tips for Parents and Children

Food and Home Safety

If you have guests over, make sure to keep purses with medicine stored up high and out of the reach of children.

Never let children carve a turkey or use sharp knives.

Always use a thermometer to make sure the turkey is fully cooked to a minimum temperature of at least 165°F.

Make sure an adult or responsible older child always watches young children.

Avoid pediatric burns by keeping hot liquids away from young children.

Teach children to wait for hot dishes to cool down, so they don’t burn their mouths.

Choose LED or flameless candles to avoid house fires and burns.

Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors before Thanksgiving day.

If you’re a guest in someone’s home, let the host know in advance to keep chemicals and poisonous materials locked away and out of the reach of children.

If you’re traveling, bring plenty of books, toys, and games to keep children entertained.

Make sure all fireplaces have protective screens.

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