

Dangers and Personal Differences

Within any home, there are many different types of potential danger – some that could cause a mild injury and some that could seriously hurt or kill. Some hazards are dangerous for everybody but some people are most at risk from certain types of danger.

In groups, talk about the following individuals – how they spend their time, what they know about their environment, their physical capabilities – and discuss the home hazards that might be most dangerous for each one and how they could keep safer:

- A baby or toddler
- A child of ten
- A teenager
- A middle-aged adult
- A person in a wheelchair
- A blind person
- An elderly person
- A guest to the home

Choose three and write a set of top five home safety rules for each.

Challenge

Imagine you work for social services. You have been called in to carry out a risk assessment on a home. Take one of the above individuals and create a case study on their home and situation. Write down all your recommendations to ensure that person will be safe and secure in their environment.