

Top Home Safety Tips

There are lots of things you and your family can do to keep safer. If you have a younger brother or sister, you can help to keep them safer too. Why not help your family by being a 'safety detective' in your home?

1. Know where your first aid kit is.
2. Keep emergency numbers by the phone.
3. Keep sharp things covered or put safely away.
4. Lock poisons and medicines away.
5. Take care when using electricity.
6. Never leave hot things (e.g. irons, candles) unattended.
7. Clear up mess, cables or anything that can trip you.
8. Be careful around water (e.g. bathrooms, ponds, pools).
9. Point out dangers (e.g. broken glass, spilt water) to an adult.
10. Make a family escape plan in case of emergency.

The Emergency Services

The Emergency Services are there to help us. They include:

- **Police** (to stop crimes)
- **Fire and Rescue Service** (for fires and emergencies like road crashes)
- **Ambulance** (to treat injuries and take sick or hurt people to hospital)
- **Coastguard** (for emergencies at sea).

How to make an emergency call

- Dial 999 using a landline or mobile phone.
- You will be asked, "Which service?" You need to say whether you need the Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Coastguard.
- You will be asked to give some details - your name, where you are and what the emergency is.
- Answer the questions clearly and slowly.

Remember, only call the Emergency Services for real emergencies (like a fire, or when someone is badly hurt).