

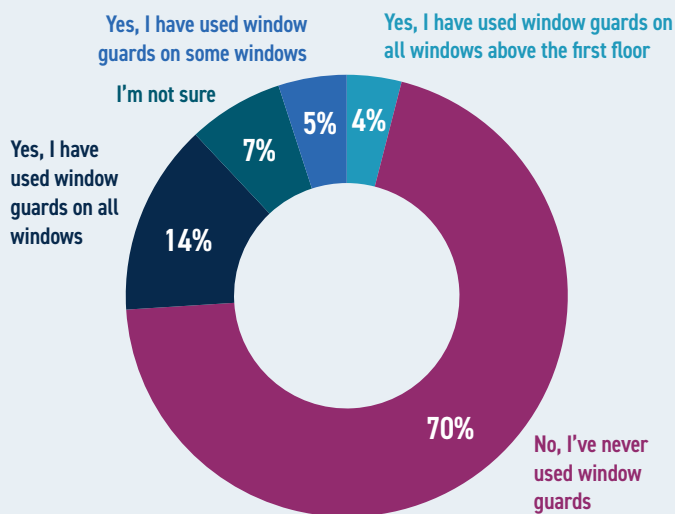
PREVENTING CHILD WINDOW FALLS

As warmer weather arrives, windows are opened and the risk for window falls increases. According to a report by Safe Kids Worldwide, an average of eight children age 5 and younger die and more than 3,300 are injured each year from falling out of windows. Falls are the most common accidental injury hospitalization for children.

Screens are not a substitute for window guards or stops, as they're not designed to prevent children from falling out windows. Children under age seven are at particular risk, and caregivers are often present at the time of the fall, so supervision alone is not enough to prevent a window fall. ([Safekids.org](https://www.safekids.org))

Safe Kids surveyed parents about home window safety. Seventy percent of parents surveyed say they have never used window guards or stops that prevent windows from opening ([Safekids.org](https://www.safekids.org)).

Safe Kids Survey Question: Do you use window guards or stops that prevent windows from opening far enough for a child to fall out, or have you used them in the past?



Learn more about securing your home against child window falls with these **Window Safety Tips**:

Don't rely on insect screens to protect kids from falling from open windows; they are designed to keep bugs out, not to keep children in.

Install window stops, which limit window openings to 4 inches or less, to child-accessible windows. Make sure to purchase one with a quick-release feature so adults can open the window to escape during a fire or emergency.



- Install an operable guard if you must open a window within a child's reach. Choose window guards that can be removed by an adult in an emergency.
- Don't place furniture such as chairs, sofas and tables near windows. Remove access to open windows for curious climbers.
- When opening a window for ventilation, use windows that are located out of the reach of children.
- Teach children not to play near windows, balconies, and patio doors and don't allow children to jump on beds or furniture.