

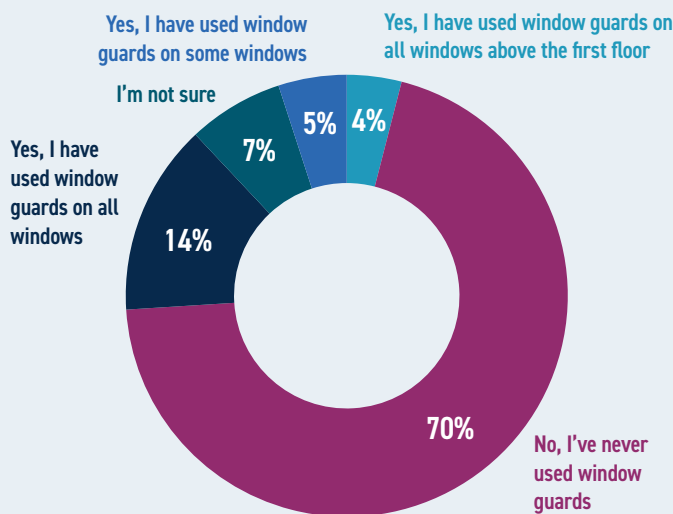
PREVENTING CHILD WINDOW FALLS

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 7 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.