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Protection for toddlers

PRESCHOOL children cannot be expected to understand why some areas of the home – particularly the kitchen and bathroom – are strictly “out of bounds”.

You need to be distracted for only a few minutes and – presto – their little fingers are onto sharp knives or into toxic chemicals and medicines or pulling drink bottles and all kinds of food over themselves and the floor.

But in this battle to keep your toddler safe and out of mischief, you're not alone.

Dream Baby, a firm of child-safety specialists, has developed several must-have products which will help

protect newly mobile little ones from harm. Carolyn Ziegler, a director of Dream Baby and the driving force behind the development of many of these products, said Dream Baby wares were designed to provide a safe yet stimulating environment for children.

“You can keep your little ones wrapped up in cotton wool but that’s not going to help them or you,” she said. “They need the stimulation of being able to explore and grow while you need to be able get on with your life knowing they’re safe and happy.”

Mums and dads of busy preschoolers will also be glad to learn that Dream Baby’s extensive selection is readily available through Kmart, Bunnings and other major retailers.

Here are some Dream Baby safety solutions:



F149 drawer catches are self-locking and will secure most drawers on metal runners.



■ **F186 multi-purpose latch** (approx retail \$12.99, pack of three). This flexible latch can be used to secure cabinet doors, drawers, fridges and toilets. It’s easy to install and comes with extra-strong adhesive tape so you just stick it on and is totally clear to suit any decor;

■ **F188 mini multi-purpose latch** (\$9.99, pack of four). A small version of the multi-purpose latch, this is ideal for smaller furniture. It also comes with extra-strong adhesive tape for easy installation;

■ **F103 cabinet sliding lock** (\$3.99). This is easy to install and doesn’t even need screws. It closes around cabinet handles with a simple sliding action that stops toddlers from opening doors. It’s also adjustable to fit a range of different-sized cabinets;

■ **F106 cabinet flexi-lock** (\$4.99). This easily installed heart-shaped lock has a dual opening mechanism to make it a real challenge for kids to open;

■ **F101 safety catches** (\$4.99, pack of six). These extra-strong classic drawer catches work well. Once installed, they self-lock every time unless the catch is pressed down;

■ **F187 spring latch value-pack** (\$8.99). These easily installed spring-loaded latches are self-locking. To release, simply push in the cabinet door or drawer slightly while pressing down on the latch;

■ **F147 adhesive double lock** (\$5.99, pack of two). This self-locking safety lock prevents the opening and closing of cabinets and drawers to protect little fingers. To release, just pull the lock down;