

Grandparenting Checklist (Toddlers)

Safe Sleep

- never left alone in the home
- refrain from allowing bottles or cups in sleeping area, unless water
- make sure the bed is not near cords from monitors or window coverings
- cribs/ toddler beds should be Canadian approved
- the crib mattress should be fitted tightly to the crib without any large spaces
- fitted sheets should not be loose
- when changing child ensure the safety strap is used and do not leave child unattended on the change table

Bathing

- ensure the temperature of hot water tank is set to 120F so that risk of burns is lowered, always test water
- children must be always supervised in the bath, even with inches of water
- bath seats are not recommended
- bath toys should not be of choking size
- bath toys can grow molds, please inspect to make sure no mold is growing on or inside bath toys
- baby gates should always be installed using screws at the top of stairs and at the bottom or between rooms can be pressure install
- hot liquids or meals should never be placed near a ledge or within reach of toddlers

Feeding

- formula should be prepared using exact instructions on the information label
- thawed breastmilk should never be left out, or re-frozen. Always use within the hour
- feeding solids should always be done while the child is secured in highchair properly
- solids should never be offered in a bottle, always using a plate and utensils

Travel

- car seat should be bought in Canada and should be brand new
- car seats need to be approved for age and weight of infant
- car seats are still rear facing at this age
- middle of the back seat is the safest position for the car seat
- car seats should always be placed on the ground and never on counters or tables
- never wear bulky clothing like snowsuits in the car seat

Household Safety

- make sure cleaning solutions, medications, and alcohol are stored up high and locked away from children
- magnets, batteries and other harmful items should be kept away from children
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- electrical outlets should be covered, cords should be protected, and rugs should be secured to avoid tripping hazards
- ensure household plants are nontoxic or stored away from children
- corner guards on sharp edged tables are helpful

Parents Names:

Phone Number:

Return Time:

Whereabouts:

Safe Haven
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