



Use the following checklist as a guide to help make your backyard a safe one.

Learn more about actions you can take to keep your family safe in and around your home in Home Safety Council's Safety Guide including:

- Lawn & Garden
- Playground Safety
- Grilling Safety
- Outdoor Poisons & Chemicals
- Pool Security & Maintenance



Backyard Safety Checklist

- ___ Do you keep all garden tools out of children's reach and store them with tines, blades or spikes pointing downward?
- ___ Do you put ladders away promptly after use and store them in a shed or garage, where they cannot be reached by children or used by burglars?
- ___ Do you keep five gallon and other large buckets stored up high and turned upside down, to prevent a toddler from drowning?
- ___ Did you use soft protective surfacing, such as wood chips or mulch, under all outdoor playground equipment?
- ___ Have you cleared sidewalks and pathways of toys and clutter and repaired broken or chipped surfaces?
- ___ Is your grilling area designated a "Kid Free Zone" until grill equipment is completely cool?
- ___ Do you keep grills at least 3 feet away from other objects, including the house and any shrubs or bushes?
- ___ Do you wear protective goggles and ear protection while using outdoor machinery, including lawn mowers, blowers and power tools?
- ___ Do you keep children inside the home while mowing the lawn or using other dangerous tools?
- ___ Do you fill the mower with gasoline before starting the job and only refuel after it has completely cooled down?
- ___ Are you careful to only refuel gasoline-powered equipment outside, away from cigarettes and other sparks and flames?
- ___ Do you clean up spills promptly?
- ___ Do you store automotive fluids and pesticides outside, in their original containers, and out of the reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet)?
- ___ Do you use gasoline as a motor fuel only?
- ___ Do you use gasoline outside and only store small amounts in an approved gasoline container?



A safe home is in your hands.

Backyard Safety Checklist, continued

- Do you wear a respirator whenever pesticides, chlorine-based pool products or other dangerous chemicals are mixed, used or applied?

- Do you read package labels carefully and follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe and effective use and storage of pesticides, pool products and other chemicals?