

# Window Fall Prevention

In the U.S. 3,300 children under the age of 6 fall from windows every year. Around 8 children die each year. 70% of falls are from second or third story windows.

## Window falls and Children

- Do you have windows that are 6 feet or more off the ground?
- How about when your child visits someone else's home?
- What actions have you taken to protect your child?

## Children at Risk

- Playful and spontaneous children.
- Imaginative children.
- Energetic children.
- *Sound like any children you know?*

## Children at Highest Risk

- Boys
- Under 5 years old
- Supervising caregivers are distracted (making meals, entertaining, etc.)

## Goals of Window Safety

- To educate families about preventing falls from windows.
- To reduce the number of children who fall from windows by challenging communities and families to install window stops and guards.
- To educate families about the importance of windows for emergency escape and rescue.

## Window Safety

- Teach your children that "screens keep bugs out, they do not keep kids in."
- Teach them to play a safe distance from windows and enforce this rule in your home. (i.e. "we play one big step away from windows.")
- Keep Furniture or things children can climb away from windows.
- Install window stops that allow you to open windows less than 4 inches. (Be sure an adult can open them in an emergency.)
- Install window guards on windows you open 4 inches or **more**. (be sure an adult can open them in an emergency.)
- When purchasing new windows, consider ones with built-in safety hardware, known as a Window Opening Control Device.

**Please share this information with child care providers, grandparents, babysitters, friends and neighbors who may have children visit their home.**



**"I want my story to be one others learn from, not relate to."**

**Parker's mom, Ashley**



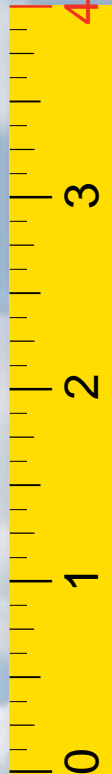
*Hi, My name is Parker Reck*

I passed away when I was four years old from falling out of my second story window. It was a nice day and the window was open a couple of inches. I managed to open it all the way. To get a better look, I climbed up, lost my balance and fell onto the patio below. I live happily in Heaven watching over those I love and care about. It's my parents mission now to help educate everyone so this won't happen to anyone else!"

*PARKER*

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