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National Safety Council provides safety tips for National Window Safety Week, April 6-12

Itasca, IL – With warmer temperatures arriving, the National Safety Council takes the second full week in April to focus on the importance of practicing window safety in the home. National Window Safety Week is designed to heighten awareness on preventing unintentional window falls and the proper use of windows for emergency escape purposes. Falls from a window can result in serious injury or death and pose an especially dangerous threat for children.

“Tragic and often preventable window falls can happen in just seconds,” said Amy Artuso Heinzen, program manager for the National Safety Council. “When it comes to window safety, there is no substitute for the importance of adult supervision of children around windows to help keep them safe. However, there are simple steps that parents and caregivers can take to aide in preventing these tragedies with young children.”

NSC offers these window safety tips to keep people safe year-round:

- Do not rely on insect screens to prevent falls—they’re designed to keep bugs out, not to keep children in
- Be sure to run through your family’s emergency escape plan at least twice a year
- Practice good housekeeping and keep all exits clear of hazards like cords or toys
- If there are children around, make sure to keep all reachable windows closed and locked—only open windows that children cannot access
- Make sure nothing is blocking or preventing a window from being opened in the case of an emergency
- Install building code-compliant devices such as window guards (with quick-release mechanisms in case of fire)

Visit the [window safety section](#) of the NSC website to learn more.

About the National Safety Council

Founded in 1913 and chartered by Congress, the National Safety Council, nsc.org, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads through leadership, research, education and advocacy. NSC advances this mission by partnering with businesses, government agencies, elected officials and the public in areas where we can make the most impact – distracted driving, teen driving, workplace safety, prescription drug overdoses and Safe Communities.

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