



City of Westminster

KEEPING CHILDREN **SAFE** AROUND WINDOWS

In the UK, one child under five is admitted to hospital every day after falling from a building. Pre-school children are particularly at risk as they are curious, have no understanding of danger, and can take parents by surprise in their development.



Help keep your children safe:



- Check you have window catches or restrictors to make sure windows only open a safe amount

- Don't teach children to open windows or use window restrictors
- Make sure children are always supervised on a balcony

- Only open your windows 10 centimetres when children are in the room
- Keep windows locked when children are unsupervised (ensuring they can still be opened in an emergency)
- Keep furniture away from windows



If you don't have window restrictors, or they are broken or damaged, please contact your landlord.

If you are a Westminster council tenant, contact the housing repairs team on:

0800 358 3783

For more information, see the Child Accident Prevention Trust website:

**[www.capt.org.uk/
falls-from-open-windows](http://www.capt.org.uk/falls-from-open-windows)**