



Group rooms, stair ways and corridors

- A risk assessment is done to ensure the security of the building during building work.
- Door handles are placed high or alternative safety measures are in place.
- Chairs are stacked safely and not too high.
- There are no trailing wires; all radiators are guarded.
- Windows are opened regularly to ensure flow of air.
- Floors are properly dried after mopping up spills.
- Staff and visitors remove outdoor shoes in baby areas.
- Children do not have unsupervised access to corridors.
- Stair gates are in place at the entrance to the kitchen and the sleep area.
- Floor covering in the corridor is checked for signs of wear and tear.
- Children are led walking upstairs and downstairs one at a time and hold the rail when walking to and from the dining hall when they are ready.
- Staff hold the hand of toddlers and children who require assistance.
- Materials and equipment are not stored in corridors, but where this is the case, it does not block clear access or way out.
- Walkways are uncluttered and adequately lit.
- Stairways and corridors are checked to ensure that safety and security is maintained, especially in areas that are not often used, or where there is access to outdoors.
- Socket safety inserts are not used as there is no safety reason to do so, modern plug sockets are designed to remove risk of electrocution if something is poked into them. Socket covers (that cover the whole socket and switch) may be used, please note these are different to socket inserts.
- The use of blinds with cords is avoided. Any blinds fitted with cords are always secured by cleats. There are no dangling cords.

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