

Super Bowl Prep Tip: Check Your TV for Safety

On National TV Safety Day, Recycle Old TVs to Keep Kids Safe from TV Tip-Overs

Safe Kids Kansas marks February 1 as National TV Safety Day

Topeka – Every 45 minutes here in the United States, a child is rushed to the emergency room for injuries caused by televisions that are not appropriately secured. To help prevent these TV tip-overs, Safe Kids Kansas is launching National TV Safety Day on February 1, 2014, the day before Super Bowl XLVIII. As families prepare for this must see event, National TV Safety Day raises awareness about TV tip-overs and educates parents and caregivers on the simple things they can do to make their homes safer.

To learn TV safety tips, visit: <http://www.safekids.org/recycle-old-tvs>

Safe Kids Worldwide and the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA)® are teaming up to make homes safer by encouraging families to recycle their old TVs. As part of this effort, Safe Kids and CEA urge parents and caregivers to do quick checks of their homes and make sure all of their TVs are safely secured and placed properly. Larger and heavier cathode ray tube (CRT) TVs placed on dressers or high furniture can tip over and cause serious injuries, even death, if children climb onto the furniture.

“Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tipping over,” said Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas coordinator. “We don’t want any parent to have to endure the loss of a child due to a TV tip-over. National TV Safety Day is a time for families to conduct a quick TV safety check and learn what to do with older TVs that can be dangerous for young kids.”

Safe Kids encourages families to include TV safety as part of their childproofing plans by placing CRT TVs on low, stable pieces of furniture. If families no longer use their CRT TV, consider recycling it. For families with flat panel televisions, Safe Kids recommends mounting TVs to the wall to reduce the risk of TV tip-overs.

Safe Kids Kansas recommends these top tips to help keep kids safe in communities and improve the environment.

Top tips for parents:

- 1. Secure your TV.** If you have an older CRT TV, make sure you place it on a low, stable piece of furniture that is appropriate for the TV’s size and weight.



2. **Recycle your TV.** To find a location to safely and easily recycle unwanted TVs, go to www.GreenerGadgets.org.
3. **If you're replacing your CRT TV with a new TV,** be sure it's properly secured.

For more TV safety tips, visit www.safekids.org

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About Safe Kids Kansas

Safe Kids Kansas works to prevent childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability to children. Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing injuries in children. Coalition members include over 70 statewide organizations, agencies and businesses and a network of local coalitions across the state.

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