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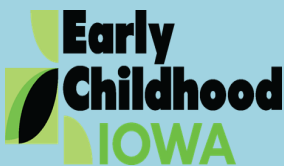
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<https://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare-covid-19>

HCCI
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CCR&R
<https://iowaccrr.org/providers/links/resources2020/>

CDC
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Call your Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) if you have any questions about child health and safety, or any special training needs.



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June is National Safety Month

HCCI is highlighting window safety this month as part of National Safety Month. Be sure to check out HCCI's new "Window Safety Fact Sheet" on HCCI's printed resources page!

As an Early Childhood professional you are continuously assessing your



environment for any safety hazards that may harm children. The National Safety Council has great information available on its website to help identify safety hazards in your child care setting and in your home. This month take time to utilize all the tools and resources available to assist you in making your environment safe. Healthy Child Care Iowa has many downloadable resources on health and safety topics along with a new **health and safety checklist tool** that can be completed for free at your request by your local CCNC. Across the states, there have been children that have been injured and have died from falls and strangled from window blind cords. Windows can be a safety hazard for children and many providers are not aware of how serious these dangers are. Almost every building has windows and windows may be forgotten about when it comes to assessing hazards in your environment or home. HCCI has developed a fact sheet on window safety and it also has a simple checklist that you can use to see if your windows may pose some hazards that you weren't aware of. Be aware that window screens may appear to be strong but the purpose of a screen is for keeping bugs out. Children are curious by nature and are drawn to windows so providing constant supervision is critical along with window safety. With the spring season in full swing and summer coming up soon, windows will be opened more and more each day and children will be drawn to see the natural world outside. Make this month to learn more about window safety and take 5 minutes to fix any window hazards.

Fact
The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has identified window coverings with cords as one of the top five hidden hazards in the home.

Here are some ways to keep children safe:

- ◆ Avoid placing furniture including beds and cribs near windows.
- ◆ Supervise children at all times.
- ◆ Keep children's play away from windows, balconies or patio doors.
- ◆ Understand that window screens are to keep bugs out **not** to prevent children from falling out of windows.
- ◆ Installing an ASTM certified window guard or window stop.
- ◆ Removing and replacing corded blinds with cordless blinds that meet current CPSC safety standards.
- ◆ Complete the new health and safety checklist with your local CCNC.

Visit CPSC for window blinds info:

https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fspublic/5009aWindowCoveringsSafetyAlert6_0.pdf

Take a few minutes to complete the window safety checklist on the HCCI Window Safety Fact Sheet and learn more about window safety at:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/products>

To find your local CCNC visit:
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