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# Is Your Baby Safe at Home?

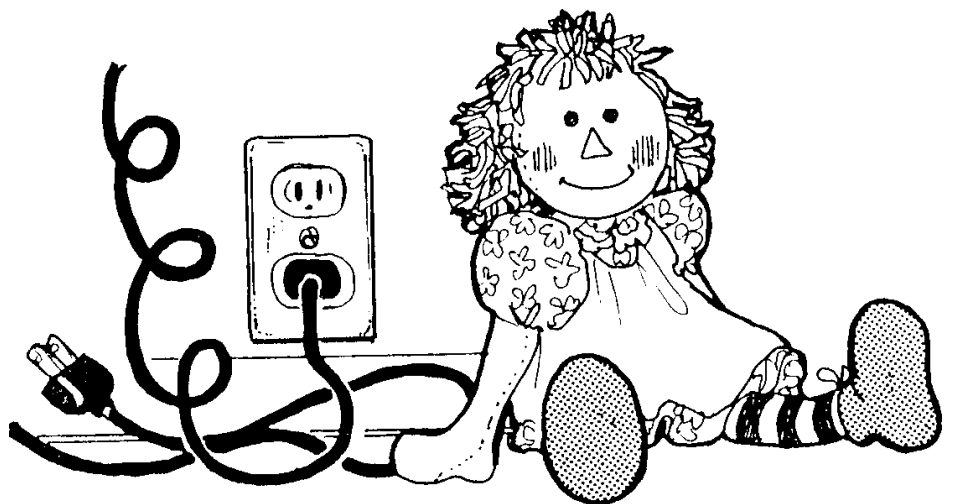
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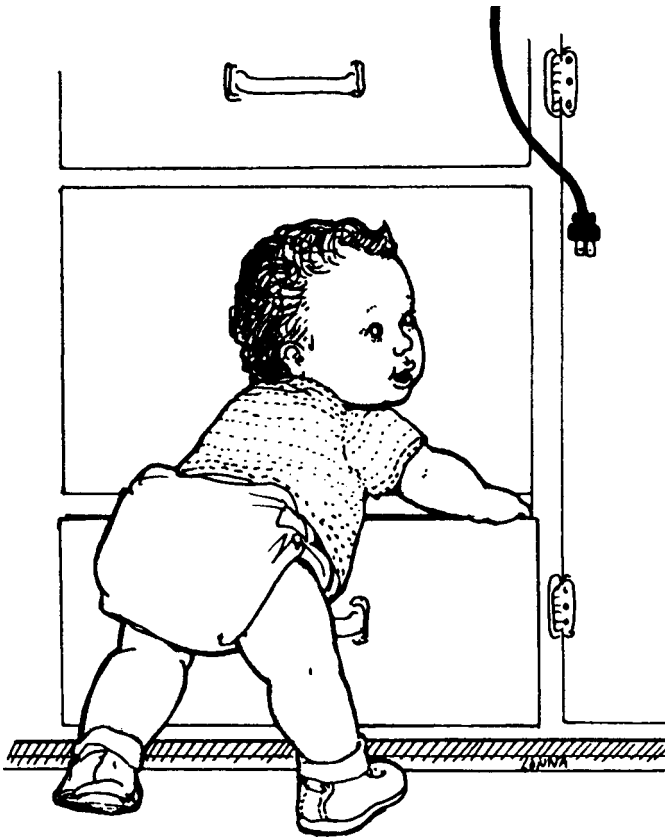
## Part 2 — **Burns**

Babies are curious about everything. They explore by climbing, touching, and pulling things down that they are not tall enough to see. They see you turn on lights and plug in appliances, and they try it, too. They don't know there is danger all around them.

Keep these items out of reach or otherwise safely protected.

- Appliances for personal care — hair curlers, dryers
- Bathtubs close to electrical switches
- Coffeepots and teakettles filled with hot water
- Heaters
- Holiday tree lights
- Irons
- Lamps that can tip over
- Matches
- Uncovered electrical outlets





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Never leave your child alone with electrical cords in easy reach.

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## Be sure that you ...

- **COVER** electrical outlets with inexpensive outlet caps and covers or place furniture in front of outlets used infrequently. Babies can poke metal objects into uncovered outlets. Buy inexpensive outlet caps at the hardware store.
- **DISCARD** electrical cords with worn covers or uncovered wires. Babies can get a shock.
- **SECURE** lamp cords so they can't be pulled down or tripped over.
- **NEVER** leave your child alone with a holiday tree. Those bright lights can burn.
- **KEEP** space heaters out of your child's reach.
- **KEEP** appliances such as radios and hairdryers away from bathroom sinks and tubs. Be a role model for safe behavior — do not turn on appliances or lights while bathing in the tub, standing on a damp floor, or before drying wet hands.
- **REMEMBER** to put hot irons in a safe place so they cannot be touched or pulled down.
- **USE** the back burners on the stove for cooking. Turn handles of cooking pots away from the stove front so they cannot be reached by a child.
- **KEEP** matches or lighters out of reach.
- **KEEP** filled hot beverage mugs out of reach. Place a hot cup you are holding in a safe place before picking up your child.
- **CHECK** water temperature before placing your child in the tub. Baby's skin burns more easily than an adult's. For safe bathing, set water heater thermostats to low, warm, or 120 F.
- **EQUIP** your home with at least one smoke detector on each floor.

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