

# HOUSEGUEST HAZARDS



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### General

- 1 SCATTER OR THROW RUGS - remove or tack down to prevent trip or slip hazards
- 2 ELECTRICAL OR TELEPHONE CORDS - remove from high traffic areas to prevent tripping
- 3 SPILLS - wipe up immediately
- 4 STAIRS: Railings - can lead to falls  
Slippery Surface - apply a non-slip material
- 5 FRISKY PETS - Can be a tripping hazard

### Bathroom

- 6 SLIPPERY TUB BOTTOM - Use skid-proof material in showers and tubs
- 7 SLIPPERY BATH MAT - make sure bath mats have non-skid bottoms
- 8 POORLY MARKED HOT AND COLD ON
- 9 FAUCETS - poor vision can cause scalding
- 10 ONE-SIDED DOOR LOCKS - use door locks that can be opened from both sides

### Kitchen

- 11 CLUTTERED FLOORS - trip hazards when working in a small space
- 12 POORLY LIT WORK AREAS - poor vision can lead to cuts or injuries
- 13 POORLY LABELED ON AND OFF BUTTONS
- 14 HEAVY OBJECTS - too low or too high in cupboards
- 15 EXPIRED FOOD - make sure food is checked regularly



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- 1 BALLOONS - buy Mylar balloons instead of latex ones to reduce swallowing hazards
- 2 BOOKSHELVES/TALL FURNITURE - secure to wall to prevent tipping over if climbed on
- 3 BROKEN TOYS OR TOYS WITH SMALL PIECES - be sure toys are complete and age-appropriate
- 4 PETS - Never leave children alone with a dog
- 5 DANGLING BLIND CORDS - strangling risk
- 6 STAIRS - use gates to prevent falling

### Bathroom

- 7 OPEN TOILETS - kids can drown in toilets if unsupervised.
- 8 CHEMICALS AND CLEANING PRODUCTS - Secure cabinets to avoid poisoning risks
- 9 COSMETICS - choking and poisoning risk

### Kitchen

- 10 OPEN DISHWASHERS - keep closed as much as possible to avoid climbing and cuts on silverware
- 11 RANGES - Pot and pan handles should not hang over the edge
- 12 OVEN DOORS - Never open before checking for kids, close ASAP.
- 13 CHEMICALS AND CLEANING PRODUCTS - Secure cabinets to avoid poisoning risks