



TV Tip-Overs

Little children can be curious and touch furniture and TVs around the house. In the process, they are very likely to knock over appliances, furniture, and TVs, which can cause injuries. One child dies from a TV tip-over every three weeks in the United States and another is injured every 45 minutes in the same way. The majority of those deaths happen to children that are 5 years old and younger, but they have involved school aged kids. Children are the most curious at a young age and touch everything at their reach.

To avoid children's death from TV tip-overs:

- Mount TVs to the walls to prevent them from tipping off a table.
- If you can't mount your TV, place it on a steady and low piece of furniture.
- Secure the furniture by using brackets, and wall straps to prevent them from falling over.
- Avoid placing toys, remotes, and other items on the same furniture as the TV to keep kids away.



Does your student need a safety restraint on the bus?

Some students have needs that require the use of a safety restraint on the bus similar to what is used in a personal vehicle. If your student has physical, emotional or behavioral needs, using a safety vest or child safety restraint on the bus could offer a safer way for them to be transported.

Students who are wheelchair users and are within the height and weight limit of a car seat should be transferred out of the wheelchair and into a safety restraint installed on the bus. For older students, the wheelchair must be properly secured and the student must be using a lap and shoulder belt to protect them on the bus. It is also important that the wheelchair be tied down properly with the floor connectors.

Students who don't need a safety restraint are provided with protection of the bus seat that is designed to absorb crash forces and rebounded them back into the seat in the event of a crash. That being said, it is important that the students remain seated, in their seat (not in the aisles or on the floor) during the entire ride.

If you have questions about safe transportation of students on school buses, please reach out to our team at Safe Kids Grand Forks who have special training on the safe transportation of students in school buses.



Altru Health System is proud to serve as the lead agency for Safe Kids Grand Forks.

For more information on this and other childhood injury prevention topics, visit safekidsgf.com, call us at 701.780.1489 or email safekids@altru.org.