



Information for You from Your Health Care Team

Preventing Falls and Keeping Your Child Safe While in the Hospital

How can I help keep my child from falling while in the hospital?

- Go with your child to the bathroom when they have medical equipment attached.
- Go with your child to the bathroom when they get up for the first time after surgery.
- Help your child get up when you think that they may be unsteady due to medicine they are taking.
- Please ask us to help you with your child if you are not sure.

What safety things should I know about the hospital?

- Hospital beds are taller than your child's bed at home. Please keep side rails up when your child is in bed so they can not fall.
- Medical equipment, such as IV pumps, may prevent your child from moving about easily. Please ask if you need help moving them.
- Please do not allow your child to ride on the IV pole
- Please keep your child from running or climbing in their room, waiting room, and hallways.

How can I keep my child safe while they are in the hospital?

- If you get sleepy when holding your child, please place your child back in bed.
- Please do not share a bed with your child.
- Please use the lap restraint belt when your child is in a wheelchair or stroller.

How will I know if my child is on fall precautions?

- Your child will wear an orange bracelet to let us know that they are at risk to fall.
- There will be a sign with Humpty Dumpty™ at his or her bedside.

**Your child's safety is important to us
Speak up if you have any questions or concerns**

