

## Successful Baby Proofing By Experienced Foster Parents

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Valencia, California -- Howtobeafosterparent.com, (HTBAFP) addresses one of the most commonly asked questions from foster parents concerning child safety at home. Both foster parents and the state desire the safest outcome for the kids under their care. The question most commonly asked is, "Is my home safe enough?"

"As foster parents my wife and I wanted to create a safe environment for our new fosters kids. One that would provide peace of mind to us as parents and satisfy the legal requirements set by the state. An example is that most people aren't even aware that baby proofing with drawer locks is a state requirement when fostering. A simple straight to the point checklist would have made life a lot easier for us back then," stated Carlo Krouzian, a foster parent of six.

HTBAFP recommends the following safety practices when preparing your home for foster children. First do a visual inspection of the home. Most safety concerns usually stand out on their own. Are there exposed wires? Does the water run too hot? Are poisonous items properly stored and locked?

Secondly invite a family member or friend who has children to help you do a second walk through.

Sometimes what is not obvious to you can be obvious to someone else. This can be especially useful if you

are a first time parent.

Use your available resources like your social worker to ask questions. You will find that the social worker is a

wealth of knowledge and can put your mind at ease by talking to you about your specific living conditions.

Socal workers will also point out your state requirements concerning child safety.

Krouzian encourages newbie foster parents by adding, "Baby proofing our home for foster care was not as

challenging or as scary as we thought. A simple online search for magnetic cabinet locks and a basic

refrigerator thermometer helped us satisfy some of the state's requirements for foster care. Other things

turned out to be common sense like providing night lights and securing sharp items like knives and scissors.

You can always find support on these issues and others with your local agency or meetup group."

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