

Baby Walkers are Dangerous

Thousands of children go to hospitals each year because of baby walker injuries!

Babies can be injured in many ways because they roll to places they should not be and reach things they should not reach.

- Brain injuries and broken bones occur when a walker rolls down stairs through an open door or gate. (Even walkers designed to prevent this can cause serious injuries.)
- Burns and poisonings occur when babies can reach what is usually out of reach.
- Fingers are crushed and pinched in the walker and between walkers and furniture.
- A baby walker does NOT help a child walk earlier; in fact, using a walker may delay walking. Babies can be active, safe, and happy without ever being in walkers.
- If consumers choose to use baby walkers, the Consumer Product Safety Commission strongly recommends that they replace their old walker with a new generation baby walker. Consumers should look for the “meets new safety standard” label.



**Remember... nothing takes the place
of a watchful eye.**

NEVER leave a child alone.

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