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Window Safety is Everyone's Responsibility

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Session Focus

Falls from a window can result in serious injury or death, especially for children. Learn what you can do as a manufacturer or dealer to spread awareness about this important safety issue.

Why is Window Safety Important?

- Open windows can be dangerous any time of year
- Injuries and death can occur when children push against window screens or climb near open windows

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Why is Window Safety Important?

- 3,300 children, 5 years old or younger are treated for injuries from window falls each year
- 1,122 (34%) of these children will need to stay in the hospital for their injuries
- 8 children will die from their injuries

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Has your child ever been hurt?

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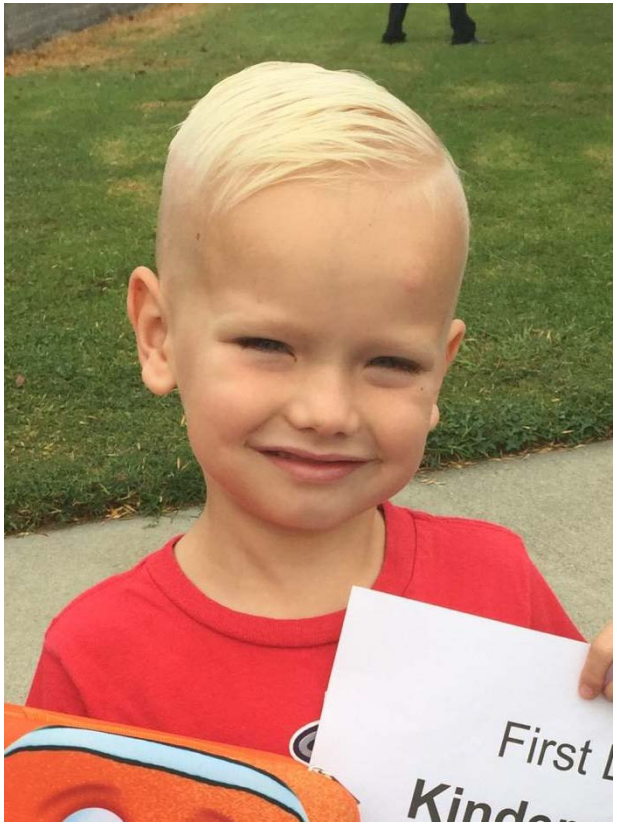

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Why is Window Safety Important to the Fenestration Industry?

- It’s in your best interest to foster positive customer interactions with your products.
- Educating customers on the best ways to use your products keeps families safe.
- This includes encouraging families to practice a fire escape plan.

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What Has the Industry Done to Help with Window Safety?

- In 1997, AAMA and WDMA joined forces with the National Safety Council and other industry associations to educate homeowners regarding window safety and fall prevention, a year-round safety priority

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What Has the Industry Done to Help with Window Safety?

- The Window Safety Task Force was formed in response to the growing concern about window safety and accidents caused by falls
- The task force promotes and participates in Window Safety Week, the first full week of April each year in addition to year-round awareness efforts

Common Misconceptions

Parents

- Window screens will keep my child from falling
- My child knows they should escape in case of a fire

Kids

- To look outside, I can lean on the window screen
- If there is a fire, I should hide

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Windows have Many Great Attributes

- Connect us to the outside world
- Protect us from the elements/weather
- Provide a means of escape in emergencies
- Daylight promotes educational and emotional benefits

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A Balanced Approach

Prevent accidental falls from windows

versus

Utilize windows for emergency escape

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8 Window Safety Tips

1. When young children are around, keep windows closed and locked
2. When opening a window for ventilation, use those located out of a child's reach
3. Avoid placing furniture near windows to prevent young children from climbing
4. Don't allow children to jump on beds or other furniture to help reduce potential falls

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8 Window Safety Tips

5. Don’t rely on insect screens to prevent a window fall; screens keep bugs out, not children in
6. Supervise children to keep child’s play away from windows, balconies or patio doors
7. Install ASTM F2090 compliant devices to limit how far a window will open or window guards (with quick-release mechanisms)
8. Teach children how to safely use a window to escape during an emergency, such as a fire

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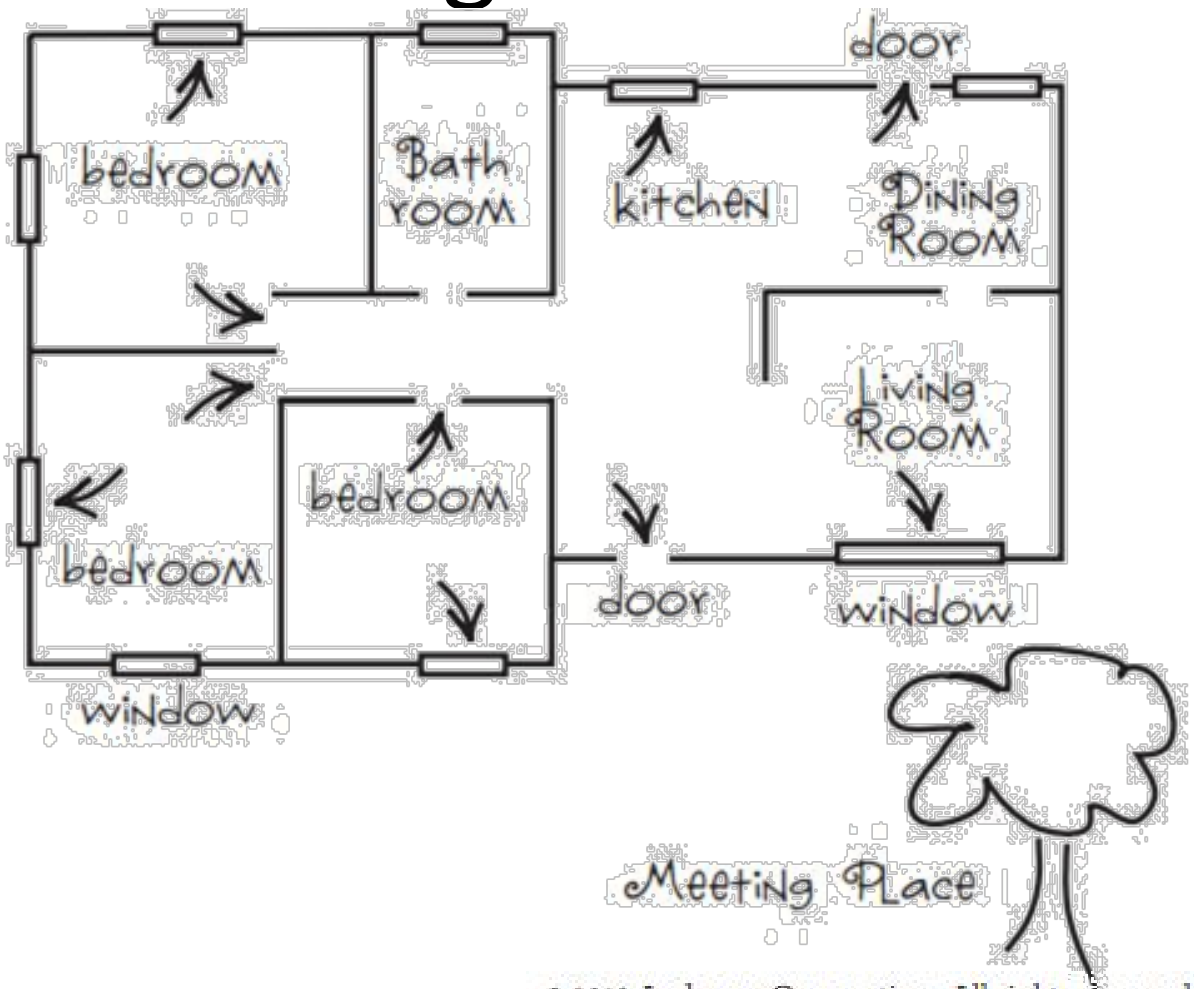
Plan for Emergencies

draw your plan

Sit down with your family and develop an escape plan. Make sure everyone in the family knows how to get out of the house in an emergency.



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Window Opening Control Devices

- Must automatically limit the sash opening so a four-inch rigid sphere cannot pass through
- Must have the ability to be deliberately disengaged so the sash can be fully opened for egress
- Must automatically reset so that when the window is opened again, it stops just shy of four inches
- Must not require a tool, key or special knowledge to operate and cannot require more than 15 lbf

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Window Opening Control Devices

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What Can You Do?

- Discuss whether ASTM F2090 compliant devices would be beneficial to your customers
- Join the Window Safety Task Force
- Promote Window Safety Week: April 2-8, 2017

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What Can You Do?

- Download WSTF materials for your customers
- Link to WSTF materials from your site
- Follow the WSTF on Twitter and Facebook

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