

## **Toddler Safety**

Each year thousands of young children are injured or killed in accidents occurring in and around the home. Taking a few precautions can prevent many of these incidents. Injuries resulting from falls are very common. By placing protective covers on corners and gates across stairways this will help reduce trips to the emergency room. Another simple and inexpensive way to protect your child is by inserting plastic electrical covers into outlets that are within reach of your toddler.

As the weather warms your family resumes outside activities. Make a conscious effort to maintain adult supervision, especially when your children are playing in or around the water. Drowning accidents can happen in just a few inches of water. When riding a bicycle or scooter insist that your child wear a helmet.

Parents can set a good example by following their own advice by wearing a helmet. Every year small children are injured or killed when struck by a vehicle in their own driveway. To avoid this tragedy, always have a visual of your child before moving or backing any vehicle. When exiting your house check to ensure your child is not following you out the door. Many times this type of accident occurs when the driver is unaware there are children in the vicinity of the auto.

Unfortunately, we can't protect our little ones from every form of danger but by taking a few precautions and using a little common sense we can reduce the number and minimize the effects of such incidents.

For more information, please contact Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue at (920) 886-6200.