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Setting Up a Safe Play Area for Your Toddler: Room by Room

Create spaces where your toddler can explore safely and independently. This room-by-room guide walks you through childproofing essentials and organizing tips to keep your kid secure while encouraging curiosity.

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Your toddler is curious, active, and ready to explore. A well-organized, childproofed play area lets them learn and play safely while giving you peace of mind.

Start with the basics: childproofing essentials

- ☐ Cover electrical outlets with safety plugs.
- ☐ Secure furniture to the wall with anchors.
- ☐ Install safety gates at stairways and off-limit rooms.
- ☐ Pad sharp corners on tables and furniture.
- ☐ Store cleaning supplies and medications in locked cabinets.
- ☐ Tie up blind cords or switch to cordless options.
- ☐ Place small objects and choking hazards out of reach.

Organize play spaces for independence

- **Accessible toys.** Store toys on low shelves or in bins your toddler can reach.
- **Open floor space.** Keep the play area clear for crawling, walking, and movement.
- **Soft surfaces.** Use rugs or play mats to cushion falls.
- **Rotate toys.** Swap out a few toys weekly to keep interest fresh without overwhelm.

Room-by-room safety tips

- ☐ Living room: Remove breakable decor from low tables.
- ☐ Kitchen: Use stove knob covers and lock drawers.
- ☐ Bathroom: Keep the toilet lid closed with a latch.
- ☐ Bedroom: Secure dressers and anchor TVs.
- ☐ Outdoor space: Check the play area for hazards like sharp edges or toxic plants.

SAFE EXPLORATION

Your toddler learns by touching, climbing, and experimenting. Instead of saying "no" constantly, create a space where "yes" is the default.

With these steps, you can build a safe, inviting play area that encourages your toddler to explore confidently. You've got this!