

Safety Checklist for Caregivers of Children from 6-10 years of age

<u>Fire Risk</u>	Yes	No
Is there a working smoke alarm on each level of your home?		
Have you either checked or changed the battery in your smoke detector within the last 6 months?		
Is there a working carbon monoxide alarm placed near natural fuel burning items in the home?		
Are all individuals non smokers in the home?		
Are lighters, matches, and candles stored out of reach at all times?		
Are extension cords, if used, in good condition, not overloaded, and secured against a tripping hazard?		
<u>Burn Risk</u>		
Is the hot water heater temperature set at 120 degrees or below?		
Are children always supervised while helping cook near a stove or hot liquid?		
<u>Fall Risk</u>		
Is the home environment set up to minimize fall hazards, areas to jump from, tripping hazards, and are sharp points such as table and fireplace corners covered ?		
Is the outside area safe for play (appropriate playground area, no hazards, near roads without fence)?		
<u>Motor Vehicle Injury Risk</u>		
Is your child appropriately restrained in a child safety seat or seat belt every time they are in a vehicle?		
Does your child sit in the back seat of a vehicle ?		
<u>Drowning Risk</u>		
Do you supervise children at all times when they are near or in pools, or large bodies of natural water?(as well as use a personal flotation device when in pools or lakes)		
If you or a neighbor has a pool is access secured with a self locking, self closing gate and a four sided fence.		
<u>Environmental Risk</u>		
Is your home and neighborhood free of unsecured dogs?		
Is your child's play area away from the road?		
If your child has a bike,scooter or skates, do they wear an approved properly fitted helmet every time they ride? And do they only ride on sidewalks or in parks, and never on the road by themselves?		
Do you prohibit your child from operating or riding an ATV, mini-bike or power lawnmower?		
If a trampoline is present, is on a flat area without any areas to jump from, has an enclosure and only one child is allowed to jump at a time with adult supervision?		
<u>Poison</u>		
Do you talk with your provider about proper over the counter medication dosing for your child ?		
<u>FireArm</u>		
If a firearm is in the home is it stored in a locked container, separate from the ammunition?		
<u>Other</u>		
Do you always go with your child when they are walking to the bus stop, to school, or on sidewalks?		
Does your child wear the appropriate sport safety gear at practice and during games?		
Does your child have a safe appropriate after or before school activity?		
Does your child interact well socially with other children and understand the concept of bullying and how not to be one or what to do if they are being bullied ?		

Any questions answered "NO" place your child at risk for a potential injury, please consult your pediatric physician for more information on injury prevention. For childhood safety tips visit www.carolinasinjuryprevention.com or www.safekidscharmeck.org

** This checklist was compiled from information from the American Academy of Pediatrics, National Safe Kids and the Home Safety Council. It does not cover all the risk factors for a child at this age and should not replace the advice of a pediatric physician. Likewise, answering "no" to any of the questions does not guarantee that the child will not suffer harm or will avoid danger.*