

# BABY-PROOFING YOUR HOME

SAFE GASOLINE STORAGE IS A CRITICAL STEP

For new parents, baby-proofing is a given. From safety gates on stairs to locks on cupboards, most parents know what to do to make a home safe for a new baby, an inquisitive toddler or a curious older child.

But because gasoline is used outside and often kept in out-of-the-way places, busy new parents may not consider safe gasoline storage as a standard baby proofing activity.

## Every year, thousands of children nationwide are injured or killed by gasoline.

Any veteran parent will tell you that “out of sight” isn’t enough to keep children safe. Gasoline, along with bleach and other hazardous household substances, must be kept out of the reach of curious babies and toddlers – as well as older children. That’s one reason why many parents always store their gasoline in a locked location.

**ALWAYS KEEP GASOLINE OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. INCLUDE PROPER GAS STORAGE WHEN BABY-PROOFING YOUR HOME.**



## Keep your children safe: Use and store gasoline properly

- **Keep gasoline out of reach of children.** Out of sight isn’t enough, for any age. Store your gasoline where children cannot access it. Many parents always keep their gas in a locked location.
- **Use a proper container.** Never use old soda bottles or other makeshift containers to store gas. Every year, kids (and adults) end up in the hospital because they drink gasoline thinking it’s a beverage. And even a small cup of gasoline can emit vapors and may ignite.
- **Store gas in a well-ventilated area outside your vehicle and living space.** Consider a detached garage or outdoor storage shed.
- **Keep gasoline away from any source of heat, spark or flame.** Even common household appliances like water heaters and clothes dryers can start a gas fire. Be sure to store your gas away from anything that could ignite it.
- **Never mix gas and fire.** There’s no safe way to start a fire with gasoline. That’s why most parents don’t try. Learn more at [StopGasFires.org](http://StopGasFires.org).
- **Read the warning label on your gas can.** A complete list of safety precautions is imprinted on every approved portable gasoline container. Make sure you read the warnings if you store gasoline at home.



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