

Did you know?

Every year 4,000 children under the age of 15 are injured falling from windows.

Fifty-five per cent of accidental injuries in the home involve falls.

The 0-4 age group is particularly vulnerable to accidents in the home.

Young children are naturally curious, but are not always alert to danger and can't judge risks.

Boys are more likely to have accidents in the home than girls.

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Windows and balconies



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Window safety

Fix windows open at not more than 6.5cm

Consider fitting a restrictor catch – available at all DIY shops

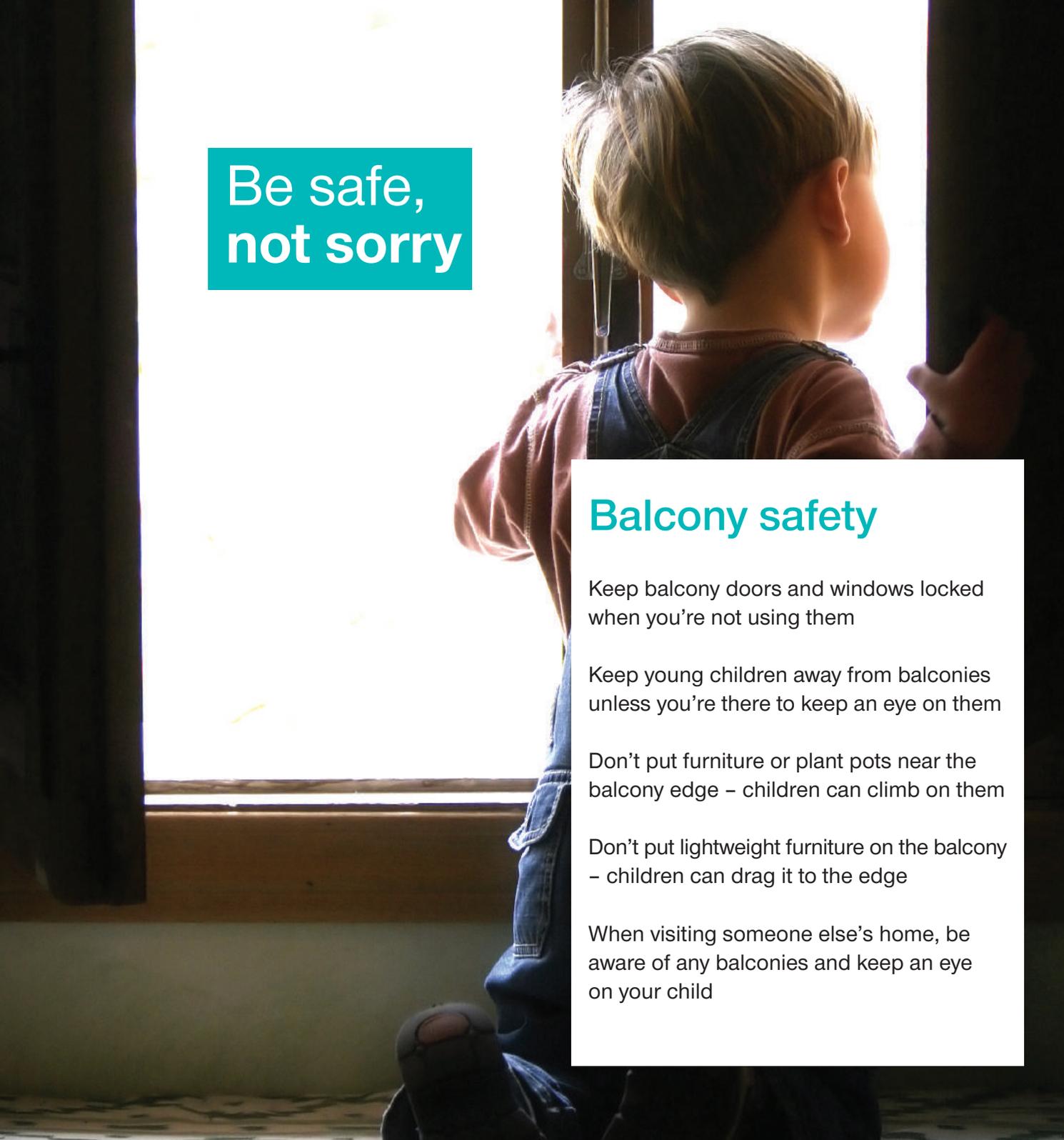
Lock all windows when not in use and keep the key in a safe place

When visiting someone else's home, watch out for dangerous windows and keep an eye on your child

Keep furniture away from windows so children can't climb up

When your children are old enough – speak to them about the danger of windows

If you have a faulty or damaged window lock – call the council straight away



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Balcony safety

Keep balcony doors and windows locked when you're not using them

Keep young children away from balconies unless you're there to keep an eye on them

Don't put furniture or plant pots near the balcony edge – children can climb on them

Don't put lightweight furniture on the balcony – children can drag it to the edge

When visiting someone else's home, be aware of any balconies and keep an eye on your child