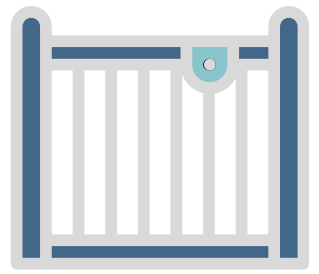


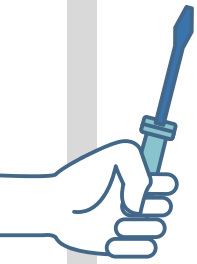
The Do's and Don'ts of Baby Gates



Falls on stairs are a leading cause of injury hospitalization for children under 5 in Canada. Protect your child by using baby gates at the top and bottom of stairs. Here's how:*

✓ DO

Top of Stairs: Use a hardware-mounted gate. Install it to swing open over the floor, not the steps.



Secure Installation: Attach the gate to a wall stud or solid wood using long screws that go through the gate hardware and drywall into the stud.

Bottom of Stairs: Use either a pressure-mounted or hardware-mounted gate to prevent your child from climbing and falling.

Certified Gates: Choose gates certified for children, not pet gates.



Keep Gates Closed: Always close and latch gates to prevent trips and falls.

✗ DON'T

No Pressure-Mounted Gates at the Top: These can be knocked over easily, posing a fall risk.

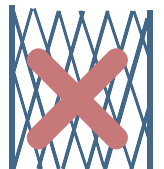
Avoid Round or Uneven Posts: Installing gate hardware on these can make it hard to latch securely.



No High Installation: Follow instructions to avoid gaps where a child could get trapped.

Don't Climb Over: It's dangerous, and your child may copy you.

No Old Gates: Avoid gates made before 1990, which can be unsafe.



Supervise: Don't rely solely on gates—always supervise your child around stairs.

*Source: [Canadian Injury Prevention Resource \(Parachute.ca\)](http://CanadianInjuryPreventionResource.org)

**To check if your gate is safe, contact the manufacturer or visit [Health Canada's consumer product safety website](http://HealthCanada.ca).

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