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Window Fall Prevention

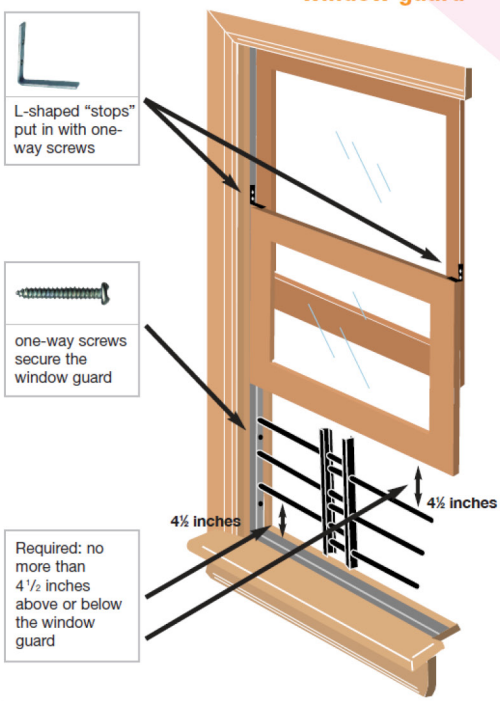
Each year an average of 4,000 children nationwide fall from windows. According to New York City law, if a building has three or more apartments, those with a child under 11 years old residing in them must have window guards.

- If you live in a co-op or apartment, the **management must install** window guards.
- If you live in a house or condo, **you are responsible for installing** window guards.

Safety Tips

- Move furniture away from windows.
- Children should NOT play on or near windows, fire escapes, window air conditioner boxes, or window bars.
- DO NOT leave a child alone in a room with open windows not protected by a window guard.
- Screens are not strong enough to support a child's weight and are not considered window guards.

An approved, properly installed window guard



*All approved Window Guards carry a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene approval number (example: HDWG 03-77-15) and the manufacturer's model number (example: 1123-S). Look for these 2 numbers on one of the bars.

For more information on window guards and proper installation, please call 311 (Only within NYC) or visit nyc.gov/health (search "window guards")

Contact an Injury Prevention Professional with questions about prevention strategies or programs for your community

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