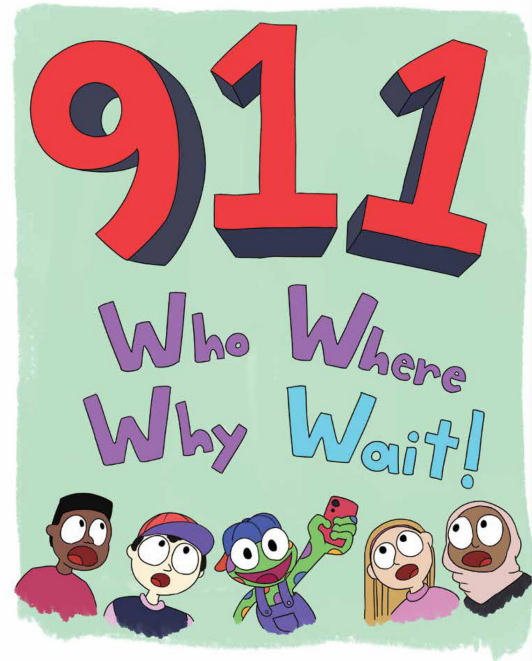


Safety from a Child's Point of View

Children do not understand the word safety until they are around seven years old.

Their job is to learn about their world. They do it by tasting, seeing, touching, smelling, and hearing their world. They do it well, but they can easily be injured because they do not understand the danger. It is the adult's job to protect them and still let them learn about their world.



Here is what infants and children can do.

Infants (0-1 year old)

- I can wiggle, rollover, and fall off things. I can pull myself up to a stand.
- I fall down because I am top-heavy because I have a big head.
- I love to play in the water.
- I love to explore.
- I love to put anything in my mouth.
- **I do not know what danger is.**

Toddlers (1-2 years old)

- I am very curious about my world and I can explore it more now.
- I can walk, run, jump, and run fast. I can climb up and downstairs.
- I can climb up and reach more places now.
- I still put things in my mouth.
- I love water and can't leave it alone.
- **I still do not know what danger is.**

Preschoolers (3-5 years old)

- I learn new things fast.
- I learn from watching you. I like to pretend.
- I am a very good climber now.
- I play outside more.
- I still put things in my mouth.
- I can't tell what is safe when I play and explore.
- **I am not afraid of dangerous things. I still do not always know how they can hurt me.**

Kids Safe
& Secure!

