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7 Safety Steps...

Paths

Make sure all paths and steps are level, stable and free from moss and vegetation.

Weedkiller

Avoid accidental poisonings or injuries by carefully following manufacturers instructions when using weedkillers, adhesives and solvents. Never transfer to alternative containers that could confuse your children.

Water features

Cover or fence garden ponds and rainwater butts when young children are around. Always supervise play in and around water.

Play equipment

Install items such as trampolines and climbing frames in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines, and always supervise playtime.

Fences

Make sure fences are safe and secure without footholds, and fit all garden gates with child-resistant catches.

Garden equipment

Always use a Residual Current Device (RCD) with electrical equipment. It will cut off the electricity supply immediately if there is a fault. Tidy away garden or DIY equipment as soon as you have completed your tasks.

Bonfires

Bonfires and barbecues should be conducted away from fences, sheds and other combustible materials. Fully extinguish after use.

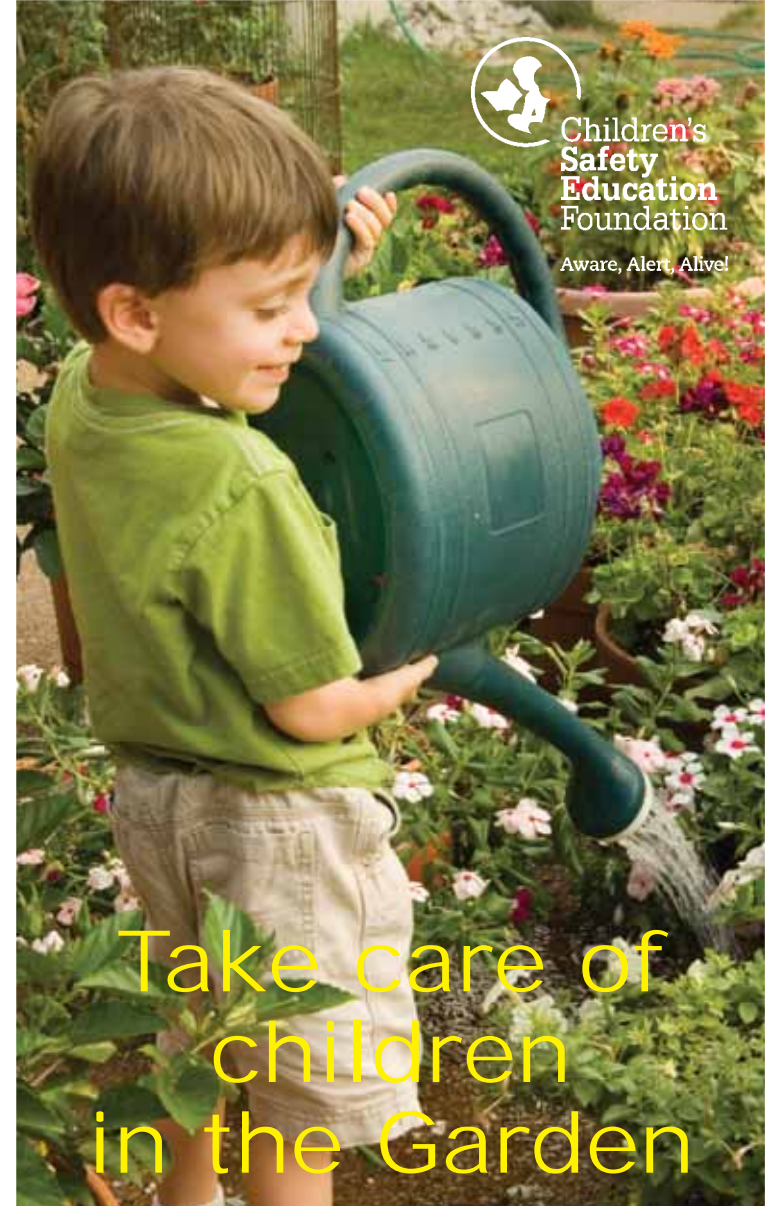
Always supervise young children near potential water or fire hazards.

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Take care of
children
in the Garden

An estimated 500,000 accidents occur in the garden every year due to the hazards of ponds, paddling pools, play equipment, greenhouses and electrical equipment.

You can help to prevent accidents by following some simple safety advice, which will help ensure children can enjoy your garden without unnecessary risk.

Making ponds safe

- It is possible for a child to drown in as little as 2 inches of water, so even shallow water is dangerous.
- Ideally, garden ponds should be drained and filled with sand to make a sand pit until the child is older.
- If filling your pond is not possible then a cover should be made. Every care should be taken to ensure that the cover is child-resistant.
- Alternatively, a strong, solid fence should be erected around the pond, this will prevent drowning incidents. Fences must be at least 1.1m high and gates should be locked with child-resistant locks.

Paddling pools

- Always supervise young children. For example, if the phone rings, take your children with you.
- Turn paddling pools upside down when not in use or store well away from children.

Gardening Equipment

- Keep your tools away from children, unplug electrical equipment and make sure children are indoors when you mow the lawn.
- Children can drown in rain water that has collected in buckets, wheelbarrows, paddling pools or uncovered dustbins. Prevent this by turning all containers upside down.
- Keep chemicals out of reach, many caps are child-resistant but not completely child-proof.

Other people's gardens

- 80% of drowning incidents happen in someone else's garden. Do not assume that a friend's garden is safe until you have checked it in person.
- Check your hedges and fences - could your child climb through and find a neighbour's pond?



Sheds and play equipment

- Swings and climbing frames should be securely fixed and checked regularly for safety.
- Do not place play equipment on hard surfaces, or near ponds or greenhouses.
- Make sure the washing line is well above children's heads and well away from all play equipment.

Paths

- Broken or uneven pathways cause thousands of accidents each year. It is a good idea to keep them well maintained, free of debris and clean.
- Make sure that there are no garden stakes or sharp objects to fall onto.



Poisonous plants

- Know which plants in your garden are dangerous and ideally remove them.
- If you think someone has swallowed a poisonous plant dial 999 immediately and request an Ambulance.
- Keep the casualty still.
- Try to identify the plant and keep a specimen.

Barbecues

- Barbecues are a major fire hazard so never leave them unattended.
- Burns should be flooded with cold water for at least 10 minutes. If water is not available use any harmless cold liquid such as milk or lemonade.
- Gently remove any jewellery, watches, belts or restrictive clothing before the injured area starts to swell.
- Cover with a sterile dressing or any clean, non-fluffy material and bandage loosely.
- Seek medical advice if you are unsure about the severity of any burn.