

Where Can I Get Window Guards/Locks



Window Guards may be purchased at most home improvement and hardware stores (Lowe's, Home Depot, and Ace Hardware). Costs vary but range from \$50 to \$100+.

Window locks may also be purchased at most hardware and home improvement stores. These may be purchased for under \$5. This



is an inexpensive option but windows must be locked to prevent from opening more than 4 inches.

Installation of child safety window guards is voluntary. Ask your landlord about installing them in your building.

Who needs window guards?

Any family with children under the age of seven. Grandparents and caregivers should also have window guards.

Safety Tips to Prevent Window Falls

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Lock all unopened windows and doors

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Keep furniture or anything a child can climb on away from windows.

In Orange County most falls occur because the child can get into the window from a bed.

3

Open windows from the top not the bottom if possible

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Install child safety window guards or install window stops which prevent the window from opening more than 4 inches.

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BE SURE CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS SUPERVISED

What Are Safety Window Guards

- Aluminum or steel bars with a maximum four-inch spacing that are installed in the bottom half of a double hung window.
- Guards are designed and tested to withstand 150 pounds of pressure. Window screens are designed to keep bugs out and are NOT strong enough to prevent a child from falling.
- Operable window guards have an emergency-release mechanism so that they can be easily removed by an adult in the event of fire.
- Fixed window guards are permanently installed and cannot be removed. Fixed window guards must not be installed on any emergency or fire escape window.



Setting the Standard for Window Fall Prevention