

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS FOR BATH TIME

1. Never give a child a bath unless you have been told to do so and have received the proper instructions from the parents.
2. Make sure the bath water is not too hot or cold. Test the temperature with the underside of your forearm. Use only a small amount of water for small children, and keep their face and head out of the water by supporting it with your hand or arm.
3. Do not let children play with the bar of soap. Keep soap out of the mouth and eyes. Use only a mild soap for children.
4. Keep the soap off the floor to avoid slipping.
5. Never leave a small child alone in the water, or in the bathroom.
6. Make sure that objects normally used in the bathroom, such as pills, medicine, bottles, razors, razor blades, aerosol cans and sprays, hairpins, etc., are out of reach and out of sight.
7. Always keep a firm grip on a baby while he is in the tub or bathinette, and don't leave him alone for an instant. Support a baby along one arm to protect his head and keep it out of the water. If you have all supplies at hand before starting, it will not be necessary to leave him.
8. Do not answer the telephone or doorbell during bath time. Avoid the chance that the child may drown or have a bad fall. Keep a youngster far enough away from the hot water faucet to prevent his turning it on and being burned.
9. Never use a radio or other electrical appliance in the bathroom or touch a switch with wet hands or you may get a bad electrical shock.
10. Use only clean cotton or a washcloth to clean a child's nose and ears. Never use a sharp pointed object, and do not poke or scratch.
11. Hold a child firmly or have him on a low bed or the carpeted floor while putting on his clothes.
12. Never leave safety pins, lotion, or powder open or within a child's reach.

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