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Dangers in the household



WE think of our home as a safe space, where nothing bad happens. But there are times when accidents can happen even there. To make sure we stay safe no matter where we are, we have to be alert and careful.



Stevie, we and our butler will not always be there for you. You have to learn how to be careful!





Keeping your home safe

STAYING safe does not mean we cannot relax at home. But we should check various **potential** dangers every now and then. In fact, the Hong Kong Red Cross has provided a list of things to be careful about.



Injuries at home

NOT long ago, a local hospital gave information about its Accident and Emergency (A&E) cases. It said that in over 3,000 of its kid-related cases, nearly one third had to do with home accidents. They mostly involved falls, burns and accidental **poisonings**. This shows that parents should pay special attention to home safety and learn first aid so as to prevent future accidents.

Some general tips

HERE is a list of general precautions:

- electrical **appliances** should be up to safety standards; holes in outlets should be plugged;
- windows should have **grilles** that are locked in place; cords for curtains and blinds should be hung up and away from kids;
- bright lights should be installed in corridors and near doors;
- rugs should be secured in place;
- sharp corners on furniture should be covered;
- drawers should be shut and locked;
- sharp objects and dangerous items should be put in place and away from children;
- make sure **bleach**, **detergent**, etc, are out of children's reach.



Stay safe and alert, kids! Remind your parents if you see something dangerous!



Which should we not drink?

A. Bleach



B. Orange juice



C. Milk



Answers on P12

potential (adj)
可能的

poisoning (n)
中毒

appliance (n)
器具

Vocabulary
Challenge ★★★★★

grille (n)
柵

bleach (n)
漂白水

detergent (n)
洗滌劑