



Questionnaire to be used if children under 5 live in the house or visit regularly.

Question

Options

- 1 **Why are you completing this form?**
(Please tick all that apply)

What is care and repair? Care and Repair agencies work to help older and disabled owners or occupiers to remain in their own home by advising, suggesting or providing repairs, improvement or adaptations

- To make my home safer
- To gather information for discussing home safety with my landlord
- For a school project
- For a research project *
- For local authority use
- Care and Repair use
- Other

***If you are completing this form as part of a research project and have a unique project code, please enter this in the box. This will enable us to provide additional project information.**

Project code number:

- 2 **Have you completed this form before?**

- Yes
- No

- 3 **What country do you live in?**

- England *(go to question 5)*
- Wales *(go to question 4)*
- Scotland *(go to question 5)*
- Northern Ireland *(go to question 5)*
- Republic of Ireland *(go to question 5)*
- Country not listed *(go to question 3b)*

- 3b **What country do you live in?**

Country:
(go to question 6)



4 **In what area do you live?**
(Welsh residents only)

- Blaenau Gwent
- Bridgend
- Caerphilly
- Cardiff
- Carmarthenshire
- Ceredigion
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Flintshire
- Gwynedd
- Isle of Anglesey
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Monmouthshire
- Neath Port Talbot
- Newport
- Pembrokeshire
- Powys
- Rhondda Cynon Taff
- Swansea
- The Vale of Glamorgan
- Torfaen
- Wrexham
- Don't Know

5 **What is your Postcode?**

Postcode:

6 **Is your home rented?**

- No
- Yes - from the local council
- Yes - from the housing association
- Yes - from a private landlord
- Don't know
- Other

7 **Are you responsible for making alterations to your home?**

- Yes
- No - my parents / carers are
- No - my landlord is
- No – someone else is
- Don't know

8 **When was your home built?**

- Before 1919
- 1919-1945
- 1946-1960
- 1961-1980
- 1981-1999
- 2000+
- Don't know

9 **What type of accommodation do you live in? (Please tick one box only)**

A whole house or bungalow that is:

- Detached
- Semi-detached
- Terraced (including end-terrace)

A flat, maisonette, or apartment that is:

- In a purpose-built block of flats or tenement
- Part of a converted or shared house (includes bed-sits)
- In a commercial building (for example, in an office building, hotel, over a shop)

Mobile or temporary structure:

- A caravan or other mobile or temporary structure

10 **How many rooms are in your home? (Only count rooms that are used by your family and no one else, but don't count bathrooms or toilets, hall, stairs or landing, or storage rooms.)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10+

- 11 How many people usually live at your home, including yourself?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10+
- 12 How old are you?
- 5 to 16 years
 - 17 to 34 years
 - 35 to 64 years
 - 65 to 74 years
 - 75 years and over
- 13 Are there people in the following age groups living in your home? **(Please tick all that apply)**
- 0 to 4 years
 - 5 to 16 years
 - 17 to 34 years
 - 35 to 64 years
 - 65 to 74 years
 - 75 years and over
- 14 How do you heat the rooms in your home? **(Please tick all that apply)**
- Open coal or wood burning fire
 - Gas fire
 - Electric heaters *(go to question 17)*
 - Gas or oil fired central heating
 - Other *(go to question 17)*
 - Don't know *(go to question 17)*
- 15 Are the heating appliances serviced every year? (for example, having your chimney swept or your boiler serviced)
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

- 16 **Do you have a carbon monoxide monitor in rooms where there is a gas boiler or open fire?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

What is a carbon monoxide monitor? Carbon monoxide is a colourless and odourless gas produced when burning flames do not have enough oxygen. Around 50 people in the UK are killed each year of carbon monoxide poisoning in their homes. A monitor detects carbon monoxide before the level reaches dangerous levels and sounds an alarm rather like a smoke alarm.

- 17 **Do you use a fireguard to prevent people from touching or falling against the fire?**
- Yes - across all fires
 - Yes – but only across some fires
 - No - across none of the fires
 - No - no fires

What is a fireguard? Fireguards are frames to stop people and objects falling into the fire. Sparkguards will only stop sparks flying out of coal and wood fires. The guards that are built into gas and electric fires are not adequate to stop children reaching the flames or hot elements.

- 18 **Do you have a fire escape plan for your home?**
- Yes
 - No (*go to question 20*)
 - Don't know (*go to question 20*)

What is a fire escape plan? If you have a fire in your home you may have to get out in dark and difficult conditions. Escaping from a fire will be a lot easier if you have already planned your escape route and know where to go. Do not leave anything in the way of your escape route and make sure that there is nothing on the floor that you could trip over. Everyone should know the escape route.

- 19 **Do people who stay at or visit your home know the fire escape plan?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

20 **Do you have locks or restrictors that prevent upstairs windows from being opened by more than 10 cm (4 inches)? (10 cm or 4 inches is about the width of an adult's hand).**

- Yes - on all windows
- Yes – but only on some windows
- No - on none of the windows (*go to question 22*)
- Don't know (*go to question 22*)

What is a restrictor? A catch that stops a window being opened more than a certain amount.

Why are we only asking about upstairs windows? Because the most serious injuries occur when someone falls from a height.

What is a window lock? It is a device with a key to stop a window being opened. They are often used for security reasons as well as safety.

21 **Are the keys for window locks kept somewhere that is easily accessible for adults, but are out of reach so children cannot reach them?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What is a window lock? It is a device with a key to stop a window being opened. They are often used for security reasons as well as safety.

22 **Do you have a smoke alarm?**

- Yes - one on each floor level (home with two or more floors)
- Yes - one for the whole home (home with two or more floors)
- Yes - one for the whole home (home with only one floor)
- No (*go to question 25*)
- Don't know (*go to question 25*)

23 **How is the smoke alarm powered?**
(Please tick all that apply)

What is a mains wired smoke alarm? An alarm that is connected to the main electricity supply in the home. They usually have a battery back-up system.

What is a sealed unit smoke alarm? One from which the battery cannot be removed. The battery can last up to 10 years and cannot be used in other devices. A common reason why alarms do not work is because people remove the batteries.

What is a 1 year battery powered smoke alarm? An alarm with a battery that has to be replaced annually. A common reason why alarms do not work is because people remove the batteries.

- Wired to the mains / electrical supply
- Sealed Unit
- 1 year battery / ordinary battery / replaceable battery
- Don't know

24 **Go and test all of the smoke alarms in your house. Are the smoke alarms working?**

How do I test my smoke alarm? Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Many alarms have a test button to press. (Be careful if you have to climb up to reach the alarm).

- Yes - all work
- Yes - only some work
- No - none work
- Can't reach to test
- Don't know how to test
- Unable to test smoke alarm

25 **Can a child reach matches or lighters anywhere in the home?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

26 **Are candles used in your home? (Do not include use of candles during power cuts)**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

27 **Are all electrical flexes in good condition?**

What is an electrical flex? An electrical flex is the wire or lead which connects the plug to the appliance.

What does good condition mean? Good condition meaning not worn or frayed.

- Yes - all are
- Yes - only some are
- No - none are
- Don't know

28 **Is there only one appliance per electrical wall socket?**

What is a wall socket? A wall socket is where electrical appliances are plugged into the wall to connect with electricity. Sometimes an extension lead is used to connect the wall socket with a number of sockets. It is okay to plug one appliance into each of the sockets in an extension lead.

- Yes - all wall sockets are connected to only one appliance
- Yes - some wall sockets are connected to one appliance, some are connected to more than one appliance
- No - all wall sockets are connected to more than one appliance
- Don't know

29 **Are there electric wires or cables across the floor where you walk?**

- Yes - in all of the rooms
- Yes - in some rooms
- No - in none of the rooms
- Don't know

30 **Do you have any of the following equipment in your home? (Please tick all that apply)**

What is a fire blanket? A fire resistant cloth, ideal for use in the kitchen to put out small chip or frying pan fires.

- Fire blanket
- Fire extinguisher
- Fire blanket and fire extinguisher
- Neither
- Don't know

31 **Do you have any doors or windows with glass panes below 800 mm (32 inches)? (800mm or 32 inches is about the height from the floor to an adult's waist)**

- Yes
- No (*go to question 33*)
- Don't know (*go to question 33*)

32 **Are the glass panes made of safety glass?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What is safety glass? Safety glass is glass that either breaks into fragments that do not cause injury, or will not break. Look for the Kitemark® on safety glass to make sure it is up to UK standard. [See illustration]



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33 **Are all household chemicals, such as cleaning and gardening products, stored in their original containers?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

34 **Are all chemicals and hazardous products stored in safe places?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What is a safe place? A safe place is one that can not be seen nor reached by a child under 5.

35 **Do you have a set of steps for reaching high cupboards?**

- Yes
- No
- No high cupboards are used
- Don't know

36 **Is a baby walker used in your home?**

What is a baby walker? Baby walkers are like a low chair with wheels designed to allow young children who cannot yet walk to move around. They do not help children to walk.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

- 37 Is there ever a swimming pool or paddling pool in the home or garden? **(Some swimming or paddling pools are temporary and can be stored when not in use)**
- Yes
 - No *(go to question 39)*
 - Don't know *(go to question 39)*
- 38 Can an unsupervised child enter the swimming pool or paddling pool area? **(Tick yes if the entrance to the pool is not locked, if a child could undo the lock or if the pool is not fenced off)**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know
- 39 Is there a Jacuzzi or hot tub in the home or garden?
- What is a Jacuzzi or hot tub?** A Jacuzzi or hot tub is like a large bath with warm or hot water and is around 3 feet or 1 metre deep. Sometimes they are indoors and sometimes outdoors and often have bubbling water or water jets.
- Yes
 - No *(go to question 41)*
 - Don't know *(go to question 41)*
- 40 Can an unsupervised child enter the Jacuzzi or hot tub area? **(Tick yes if the entrance to the Jacuzzi or hot tub is not locked, if a child could undo the lock or if the Jacuzzi or hot tub is not fenced off)**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know
- 41 Do you have your own back garden?
- Yes
 - No *(go to question 45)*
 - Don't know *(go to question 45)*
- 42 Can a child leave, or get out of, the back garden on their own?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

- 43 **Is there a pond in the garden?**
- Yes
 - No (*go to question 45*)
 - Don't know (*go to question 45*)
- 44 **Is there a hard cover or grille on the pond to stop children falling in?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know
- What is a hard cover or grille?** A rigid mesh or grille that would support the weight of a child and is firmly secured.
- 45 **Do you have a shed or garage?**
- Yes - a shed only (*go to question 46, and skip question 47*)
 - Yes - a garage only (*go to question 47*)
 - Yes - a shed and a garage
 - No shed or garage (*go to question 48*)
 - Don't know (*go to question 48*)
- 46 **Does the shed have a lock that can be opened by a child?**
- Yes – lock can be opened by a child
 - No - lock cannot be opened by a child
 - No lock on shed
 - Don't know
- 47 **Does the garage have a lock that can be opened by a child?**
- Yes – lock can be opened by a child
 - No - lock cannot be opened by a child
 - No lock on garage
 - Don't know
- 48 **Do you have a kettle?**
- Yes - an electric kettle
 - Yes - a kettle to use on the top of a cooker
 - No (*go to question 50*)
 - Don't know (*go to question 50*)
- 49 **Does the kettle cord hang over the edge of the work surface?**
- Always
 - Sometimes
 - Never
 - Don't know

- 50 Can a child reach kitchen knives?
- Always
 - Sometimes
 - Never
 - Don't know
- 51 Which rings of the cooker/hob do you use?
- Front only
 - Back only
 - All rings
 - Don't use cooker (*go to question 53*)
 - Don't know (*go to question 53*)
- 52 Is a chip pan used on the cooker in your home?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know
- 53 Do you have stairs inside your home?
- Yes
 - No (*go to question 58*)
 - Don't know (*go to question 58*)
- 54 Could a child squeeze through, or climb, any gaps in the stair banisters? (**Tick yes if there are any gaps of 10cm or more (10cm is 4 inches or about the width of an adult's hand. A banister is a barrier to stop people falling off or through the side of stairs)**)
- Yes – a child can squeeze or climb any gaps
 - No - a child cannot squeeze or climb any gaps
 - No gaps in banisters
 - Don't know
- 55 If you have under 2 year olds living or visiting the home, do you have stair gates?
- What are stair gates?** A gate or barrier that can be installed across the top or bottom of a staircase or in a door way to prevent a child gaining access.
- Yes - at the top and bottom
 - Yes - at the top only
 - Yes - at the bottom only
 - No - under 2 year olds live in or visit the house
 - No - stair gates
 - Don't know

56 **Is there a handrail all the way up the stairs?**

- Both sides
- One side only
- Neither side

57 **Is there a switch for a stair light at the top and bottom of the stairs?**

- Yes - top and bottom
- Yes - top only
- Yes - bottom only
- No light switch
- Don't know

58 **Are medicines stored in a safe place?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What is a safe place? A safe place is a locked cupboard or a cupboard which cannot be reached by a child under 5.

59 **Do you have handles or grab-rails to help with getting in and out of the bath?**

- Yes
- No
- No bath (*go to question 62*)
- Don't know

60 **Is there a non-slip surface or mat in the bath?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What is a non-slip surface? A surface that does not get slippery when it is wet. It usually feels rough.

61 **Do you have a thermostatic mixing valve on the water supply to the bath's hot water tap?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What is a thermostatic mixing valve? It is a device that mixes hot water from the boiler/water heater with cold water and passes it through the hot tap at a pre-set temperature. This is still hot enough to have a bath, but not hot enough to cause scalds.

- 62 Do you have handles or grab-rails in reach of the shower?
- Yes
 - No
 - No shower (*go to question 64*)
 - Don't know

- 63 Is there a non-slip surface or mat in the shower?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

What is a non-slip surface? A surface that does not get slippery when it is wet. It usually feels rough.

- 64 Do you have handles or grab-rails in reach of the toilet?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

- 65 Do you have an electrical socket in the bathroom? (**Do not include safety sockets for electric razors**)
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

- 66 Do you have a light switch within easy reach (arm's length) of each bed?
- Yes - all beds
 - Yes - only some beds
 - No - not any beds
 - Don't know

Answers to these questions, which are voluntary, will help us understand how home safety might vary across different social and ethnic groups. If you do not wish to complete this section click on the skip question box.

- 67 How many cars or vans are available for use, by one or more members of your household?
- None
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four or more

68 **How would you describe your ethnic group? (Please tick one box only)**

- White UK
- White European
- White Irish
- White other
- Black British
- Black Caribbean
- Black African
- Black Asian
- Black other
- Mixed origin
- Asian Bangladeshi
- Asian Chinese or South East Asian
- Asian Indian
- Asian British
- Asian Pakistani
- Asian other