

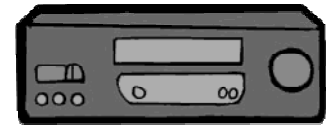
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## FAMILY ROOM TIPS



### Preventing Fires and Burns

Always lock up matches and lighters out of a child's reach. **Burning candles and cigarettes should never be left unattended where a child could reach them.** Fireplaces should always be monitored by an adult and extinguished completely. Prevent fires or blown glass by using light bulbs of equal or lesser wattage than is recommended for your lamp.

### Outlet Safety

Young children love to explore and will stick their fingers in everything from outlets to VCRs. **Be sure to cover all electrical outlets with safety plugs to prevent shock.** Prevent your child from touching any dangling electrical cords or wires by keeping them out of reach. Extension cords are dangerous. Avoid using them in areas where children play. **Do not overload outlets;** use a power strip with a cover if necessary. Never run any cords under carpets or over hot surfaces like a radiator.

### Windows

**Window cords and chains can be a strangulation hazard.** Window cords purchased before 2001 should be replaced with cordless window coverings in children's bedrooms and play areas. Call the Window Covering Safety Council at 1-800-506-4636 for a free cord repair kit for older window treatments. Cut cords that attach at the bottom and form a loop. If the cord cannot be cut, purchase a device to shorten the cord or secure the end safely out of reach.

