

# Children love to climb

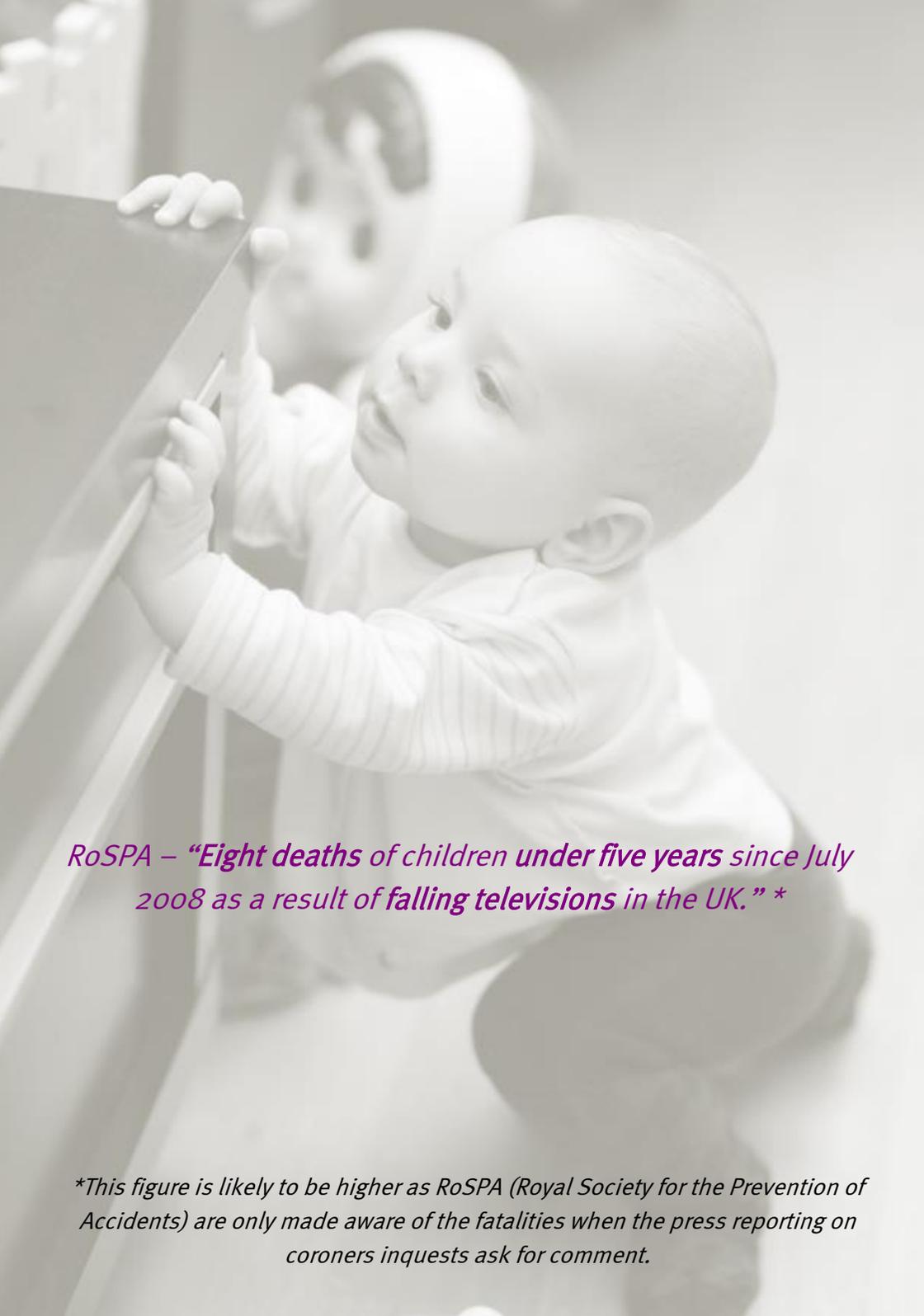
Don't let their curiosity land them in A&E

Secure all household furniture and TVs to the wall and avoid the risk of injury or death



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*RoSPA – “Eight deaths of children under five years since July 2008 as a result of falling televisions in the UK.” \**

*\*This figure is likely to be higher as RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) are only made aware of the fatalities when the press reporting on coroners inquests ask for comment.*

# Children are naturally inquisitive and love to climb

Curiosity is an important part of growing up. Safety precautions can keep your child safe while they explore their surroundings.

## Do:

- ✓ Secure all your TVs to a stable stand and/or wall
- ✓ Attach large furniture, such as dressers and bookshelves to the wall using safety straps, L-brackets, or other secure attachments
- ✓ Use drawer stops on all drawers
- ✓ Keep cords from TVs and other appliances tucked away so children do not pull these items down on themselves
- ✓ Place the TV on a low, wide base, and push it as far back on its base as possible
- ✓ Place heavy items on lower shelves of bookcases or entertainment centres

## Don't:

- ❖ Use shelves or dressers as TV stands. These aren't made to support the weight of a TV
- ❖ Place items of interest (toys, remote control) high on shelves or on top of the TV. Children may try to climb up the furniture to reach these items

Furniture safety straps are available from all large retailers, including ToysRUs, Tesco, Amazon, Ikea.

## Resources:

[Child Injury Prevention Alliance](#)

[Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents \(RoSPA\)](#)

[Safe Kids](#)

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