

✓ Window Stop Options: (That meet [ASTM](#) Standards)

Keep in mind window stops can be by-passed, which may increase risk of a window fall

When purchasing new windows:

- Ask for windows with built in 4-Inch Limiters Known as a Window Opening Control Device. These meet current ASTM standards.



KidCo Window Stop

- **Only Window Stop currently available that families can install that meet current ASTM standards**
- Works on many homes current windows.
- Automatically resets (re-locks) when window is fully opened then closed.
- Permanently attaches using 2 screws
- Allows 4 inches of ventilation and helps keep children from opening window further.
- Quick and easy to install
- Adults and older children can open them without special knowledge or tools.



Disadvantages:

- Windows can only (safely) be opened 4 inches or less.
- Can be bypassed allowing window to be opened wider than 4 inches increasing risk of window fall.
- Does not work on Casement or Awning style windows.

✓ Carefully Consider Risks When Choosing Window Stops:

Remember, windows serve as an emergency escape. Make sure windows are still accessible and can open fully without special knowledge or **tools**. (Click on "tools" for further information)

Some products that limit window openings are designed for security purposes rather than child safety.

If these are removed, caregivers may have a false sense of security believing they have safety measures in place.

This type or product for example, if they are removed or fall off, poses the risk of a child choking on it. Also, instructions include tightening with **pliers**.

This product fits into the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) Choke Tube.



Information provided by Jan Berichon, COTA/L, Health Educator www.legacyhealth.org/safetycenter
The Safety Center at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel

5.7.13

© 2012 Legacy Health. This information is for reference use only and does not constitute the rendering of professional Legacy Health. Legacy Health makes no claims, promises or guarantees about the accuracy or completeness of this information. Legacy Health assumes no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions. Please visit www.legacyhealth.org/windowsafety for up to date information.

