

The garage can be the most dangerous room in the house. But it doesn't have to be.



From floor to ceiling, even air quality, there's a lot of things in the garage to be aware of. Take your garage from scary to safe with a plan for each area of the room.

Inspect Your Garage and Protect Your Family

Preventable home injuries result in nearly 21 million medical visits each year. Of those, thousands are due to dangerous garages. Make that "other" room in your house – the garage – a safe place for you and your family.

Visit www.garagesafety.info to download a free checklist or call your local dealer.



A Clean Garage Is a Safe Garage™



Give Your Family a Safe Garage By Monitoring Each of These Zones:

Floor

It's so easy just to dump stuff on the floor of your garage. But that can mean dangerous piles of materials and objects that children can climb or you can trip over. Falls are the leading cause of injury-related death in the home. Keep stairs, steps, landings and all floors clear of clutter. It's just safer.

Walls

As common as it may seem, walls are not the natural home of leaning shovels, rakes, lawn chairs, bikes and other sharp objects. Try hanging this stuff up...you'll free up floor space and reduce tripping hazards.

Cabinets

Trust us: Life really is better when things are in their proper place! Dangerous products, such as pesticides, cleaners and automotive fluids, should always be stored in locked cabinets.

Ceiling

You have so much stuff that it's taking over the garage? Utilize that storage space up and above by getting sturdy ceiling-mounted storage grids to put seldom-used items up high and out of the way.



Shelving

Instead of putting the heavy equipment up on higher shelves and the light stuff down below, reverse it! It's actually easier and safer to get to what you want. And always be careful not to overload shelves

Air Quality

Have you ever thought about the air quality in your garage? Carbon monoxide poisoning is a deeply dangerous possibility, so always pull the car out of the garage after starting it. Carbon monoxide can enter the home if cars are left running in the garage, even with the garage door open.

Lighting

There's no reason for your garage to be that dark! Make sure garage and stairwells are well lit. Use the maximum safe wattage in light fixtures. And when light bulbs are used near a work area, protect them with a substantial guard to reduce the risk of breakage and fire.

Kid's Corner

How many times have you gone into the garage and seen the clippers next to the soccer balls? Create an area in the garage strictly for storage of kid's toys and sporting goods. This will keep children from exploring potentially dangerous areas of the garage.

General Safety

Do you actually know how to use that fire extinguisher? It's not hard, but you need to learn how. Also, keep a first aid kit where it's visible and handy.



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