

# Let's Prevent Accidents of Children Falling From Windows and Balconies!

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There have been many accidents where children fall from residence windows and balconies to their deaths.

- Falling accidents increase **during the summer** as people open their windows and go out onto their balconies more
- Falling accidents occur **most frequently among children 3-4 years of age**
- There have been many cases of hospitalization for moderate injuries even after falling from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of a building
- **There have been many cases of children falling after playing by themselves in a room** with the windows left open In order to prevent such accidents, here are some points to keep in mind.

## 【How to keep the window / balcony area safe】

- ① Don't leave items that can be used as stepstools near windows or balcony railings. In particular, pay special attention to where you leave the outdoor units of air conditioners.
- ② Regularly inspect windows, screen doors, and balcony railings for signs of deterioration.
- ③ Put secondary locks on windows and screen doors out of reach of children so that they cannot be reopened after being shut. The same applies for when ventilating rooms.

## 【Teaching and Watching Over Your Children】

- ① Don't leave your children at home by themselves.
- ② Don't let your children play by themselves on balconies or in rooms with open windows.
- ③ Don't let your children sit and play on window frames or bay windows. Don't let them lean on windows or screen doors.

**There is a limit to how much you can keep an eye on your children. In addition to watching over them, create an environment that prevents falling accidents from occurring!**