

Keeping Your 18 Month Old Safe

Alcohol

Think of all alcohol beverages as a poison for your child. Keep alcohol stored up high or locked in lower cabinets.

Guns

Remove guns from your home. If you must have guns, keep them unloaded and in locked cabinets. Keep ammunition locked separately.

Toilet Training

You may be anxious to get your child toilet trained, but your child must be ready. Your child may be ready to start learning to use the potty or toilet if she can

- stay dry for at least 2 hours,
- tell you if she is wet or dry,
- pull her pants down,
- tell you when she has pooped .



Toilet training will take time and there will be lots of accidents. Never punish your child for having accidents; use praise when she pees or poops in the potty instead.

Smoking

If smokers live in the house, make sure lighters and matches are not left anywhere that your child can reach them.

It's never too late to quit smoking. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or go to www.quitline.com for help.

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