

Stroller Safety: An Operator's Manual

Stroller safety is as much about you and your child as it is about the equipment. To help avoid tragic accidents, here are 10 tips to keep in mind when using your stroller.

1. Always use the stroller's seat belt or safety harness. Neglecting to secure the stroller's harness or using it improperly can cause entrapment and strangulation.
2. Lock the stroller wheels when you are parked, even on a flat surface, to keep your stroller from moving unintentionally.
3. Never leave your child unattended in a stroller, even if the brakes are engaged. They are no match for a child who is determined to get free.
4. Store all belongings in the stroller's storage baskets and compartments. Hanging your purse and other items on the handles changes the balance of the stroller and can easily cause it to tip and endanger your child.
5. Discourage your child from leaning forward while seated. The wider the wheel base, the less likely the stroller is to tip under these circumstances, but you can never be too cautious.
6. Keep tiny figures away when folding and unfolding your stroller to keep them from being pinched or possibly amputated.
7. Be sure to always use your stroller's locking device to prevent accidental folding while in use which can lead to entrapment and suffocation.



8. When using a jogging stroller, be sure to use the safety strap so it does not get away from you. Jogging strollers are safest when used with babies who are at least one year old.
9. If you notice that your stroller has a safety defect of any kind, immediately discontinue its use and contact the manufacturer.
10. Stay up-to-date on stroller recalls posted with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and follow the recall instructions given by the manufacturer.

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