


your child

Babyproof Your Vacation

Visiting family or friends this summer? Their home may not be safe for little ones. Ask about potential hazards and what special equipment they have so you'll know what to bring, suggests Jim Schmidt, M.D., cofounder of Child Safety House Calls, a safety company. You'll want to know where your baby or toddler will sleep. An adult bed or the floor is not safe, so you'll need to bring a portable crib and your baby monitor. If there are stairs, take along mesh stair gates. Other items to consider: covers for faucets and door handles; plastic zip ties to secure cabinets; an inflatable tub for bathtime; and a night-light. If you don't want to lug too many gadgets around, rent short-term equipment in select locations from babysaway.com, babytravelpros.com, or thetravelingbabyco.com.



Always supervise a baby when she's playing on a bed.