

Spring Cleaning – Tips for Safety!

In the Spring, people often like to clean their homes. It is a great thing to do, but it is important to stay safe while you are doing it. Home injuries are most likely to happen when you forget to take small safety precautions. Safety is No Accident! Keep yourself and your family safe!

- While cleaning out closets or re-organizing things, always keep stairs, steps, landing and floors clear of debris and objects.
- When climbing on ladders make sure that the ladder is securely locked into place before ascending. Make sure the bottom of the ladder is on solid, level ground and that the top of the ladder has not been placed on an uneven surface. If possible, have someone hold the ladder as you climb to ensure the ladder stays in one position.
- Never carry loads that you cannot see over as you may not see objects or safety concerns in your way. Always try to keep one hand free to hold banisters and railings while ascending or descending stairs. If you must carry large loads ask someone to ‘spot’ you – informing you of obstacles in your path.
- Buckets containing liquids or fluids could present a drowning danger to small children or pets. Store buckets upside down and empty.
- Follow all safety recommendations when using harsh products or chemicals. Ensure that you are using all protective equipment such as gloves, masks or protective eyewear. Make sure you do not mix products together because you could end up with a potentially dangerous chemical reaction.
- Follow all written instructions when using and applying lawn care products including fertilizer, weed control products, or pesticides. Warning labels are governed by State and Federal laws and failure to follow those labels are in violation of the law.
- Never use gasoline to clean something. Never use or store gasoline of any quantity in your home. Always put gasoline in approved containers.
- When disposing of partially used containers of products with the warning labels of “Caution”, “Danger”, “Poison”, “Warning”, or “Keep Out of Reach of Children” be careful with the disposal. Most communities have hazardous material disposal guidelines and some have disposal sites available to residents.
- Check to ensure that your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are operating correctly by hitting the ‘test’ button once a month. If you have not already done so, remember to change the batteries in those units requiring one. For hard wired units, ensure that they work by testing them.

By following these tips, you will have a much safer, and healthier Spring!