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### Louie Delaware's 90% Safety Facts For Home & Child Safety

**LOUISVILLE, CO** – September 4, 2007 – Louie Delaware, ***The Home Safety Guru™***, has established a number of key statistics for home & child safety. Louie states, "There are many safety issues that in my experience of a professional childproofer and safety expert, 90% of all childhood injuries are preventable and over 90% of all homes are not safeguarded properly. Many people are just not aware of the depth of these hazards in a home."

Louie's Safety Facts will help you reduce your risks at home. They include:

- ◆ **Over 90% homes are not properly made child safe.** The proper installation of good quality and durable childproofing goods will help. Common sense will also go a long way to helping keep a child safe. But there is no substitute for adult supervision.
- ◆ **Over 90% car seats are installed incorrectly.** These are sometimes very difficult to install. Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of children. Locate a local car seat clinic and have them install them for all of your vehicles. To find a clinic, go to <http://www.seatcheck.org/>.
- ◆ **Over 90% of children who should be in booster seats are not.** A child's physiology cannot handle the stresses of a seat belt designed for an adult. The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states that a child should remain in a booster seat until they are either 8 years old or over 4' 9" tall.
- ◆ **Over 90% of homes older than 10 years have smoke detectors that may not work properly in a fire.** If in doubt as to the age of the detectors, replace them.

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- ◆ **Over 90% of 2 story homes have no safe way out in an emergency.** Every home should have a safe way out, including possibly a fire escape ladder.
- ◆ **Over 90% windows are not safeguarded to keep a child from falling through a screen.** Windows need to be prevented from opening more than 3 inches.
- ◆ **Over 90% of hot water heaters are set too high.** The maximum recommended temperature for hot water is 120° F. This will prevent injuries and reduce your energy bill at the same time.
- ◆ **Over 90% of electrical outlets and power strips not safeguarded for a child.** All outlet cover plates should be changed to sliding protective cover and power strips should be in a specially designed cover.
- ◆ **Over 90% of pressure mounted gates are incorrectly used or mounted.** They should never be used at the top of stairs, for wide openings or at an angle.
- ◆ **Over 90% of all pools and hot tubs are not properly safeguarded to prevent drownings.** It only takes 60 seconds underwater for a child to have brain damage. A pool safety fence between the home and the pool or hot tub is what is needed.
- ◆ **Over 90% of all homes do not have enough fire extinguishers.** There should be one in the kitchen, laundry room, utility rooms and garage. The best type to have are rated as Class A-B-C, which can be used on any fire.
- ◆ **Over 90% of clothes dryers and dryer vents have not been cleaned in the last 3 years.** These cause approximately 17,000 fires annually.
- ◆ **Over 90% of all fireplaces pose a hazard to young children.** Glass fireplace panels can get over 400° F. The contents inside the fireplace can also be hazardous to a child, either gas or wood burning. You need to have a means to keep your child from these, whether gates in front of the opening or locks on the doors.
- ◆ **Over 90% of all furniture and TVs not properly secured for young children.** Tip-prone furniture should be tethered to a stud in the wall and TVs prevented from moving by using anti-slide straps.

Louie continues, "Unfortunately, people just don't any of these situations could happen to them. Or, they are just not aware of the possibility, often with very tragic consequences. A little bit of proactive work can go a long way to keeping your family safe. And remember, there is no substitute for attentive adult supervision for keeping your child safe."

For more information and a complete list of Louie's 90% Safety Facts, go to [www.USSafetyPros.com](http://www.USSafetyPros.com).

Louie Delaware, **The Home Safety Guru™**, president and founder of US Safety Pros, LLC is a Certified Child & Home Safety Professional in all aspects of home safety, from childproofing to home safety, radon testing & mitigation along with fire, carbon monoxide and barrier free construction. US Safety Pros has been protecting homes in Colorado for over 3 years, and has helped safeguard over 500 homes.

For more information about Louie Delaware, go to his web site, [www.HomeSafetyGuru.com](http://www.HomeSafetyGuru.com). **The Home Safety Guru™** is a registered trademark with the United States Patent & Trademark Office. Louie's book **Relax – Your Child's Safe – A Practical Guide to Childproofing** will be published soon.

Louie has been on Channels 7, 9 and 31, 850 KOA, 630 KHOW, AM760, KGFT Colorado Springs and in the Denver Post. Colorado Childproofers is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide ([www.SafeKids.org](http://www.SafeKids.org)), the International Association for Child Safety ([www.IAFCS.org](http://www.IAFCS.org)). See us at [www.USSafetyPros.com](http://www.USSafetyPros.com), the [Denver/Boulder Better Business Bureau](#) and [Tom Martino's Troubleshooter Referral Network](#).

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