

## Before the Stork: Perform A Home Safety Check-up

(NAPSA)—When parenthood is on the horizon you have a lot to do—decorate a nursery, get lots of sleep and figure out what products you'll need to help make child rearing easier.

From diaper changing and safety essentials to the most colorful mobiles and softest blankets, there are hundreds of items to choose from when registering for baby gifts. As you peruse the safety products aisle to select cabinet locks, gates and door handle covers, be sure to include Kidde fire safety products (smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers) on your gift registry. These products can save lives; is your family adequately protected?

### Home Fire Safety Check-up

When was the last time you performed a home safety check-up? Before you bring your baby home, you can help reduce your family's chance of becoming victims of fire by implementing a complete home fire safety plan.

- Do you have smoke alarms installed in every room of your home, including at the top and bottom of stairways? The Kidde Talking Alarm™ is a combination smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarm that includes proprietary voice technology to sound an alarm upon detection of smoke, fire or CO. The alarm will either exclaim "Fire! Fire!" or "Warning! Carbon Monoxide!"

- Are fire extinguishers within reach on every level of the home, including one extinguisher for



every 600 square feet of living space? This may be the only chance to create a path to safety in the event of a fire.

- Have you prepared and do you frequently practice a comprehensive fire escape plan during the day and at night? Is an adult assigned to account for each child in your home when the smoke alarm sounds?

- Do you have escape ladders in second floor bedrooms to aid in escape if trapped?

- Are carbon monoxide alarms installed on every level of your home and in sleeping areas? Odorless, colorless and tasteless, CO is the cause of more accidental poisoning deaths than any other agent, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Before baby's arrival, give yourself piece of mind. Make sure to ask your family and friends to consider giving the gift of safety when shopping for your bundle of joy.

For more safety information, visit [www.KiddeUS.com](http://www.KiddeUS.com).