



## HOME AV SAFETY CHECKLIST: TVs, FURNITURE, CABLES

Home is a place to relax and enjoy spending time with family and friends. But did you know, safety hazards may be lurking where you least expect them? Tip-over accidents caused by unsecured TVs are a growing problem. Injuries due to television instability have increased by 31% over the past 10 years\*, and data shows every three weeks a child dies from injuries caused by a TV tip-over.

To ensure your home is safe in every room you watch TV, follow this checklist to see if you have covered the most essential safety guidelines for televisions, furniture, and cables.

**YES**   **NO** - Needs Attention

Are TVs secured to eliminate tip-over accidents?

**Good: Safety Strap**

- **ELM701** - Anti-Tip Strap: Connects to TV, furniture, and wall to reduce the risk of TVs or furniture accidentally tipping.

**Better: Furniture Mounting System (FMS)**

- **FMS01** - (Furniture Mount System): Offers a drill-free solution to mounting a flat-panel TV. This piece mounts directly to compatible SANUS AV furniture and keeps TVs secured.

**Best: TV Wall Mount**

- Full-Motion Mounts: Extend, retract, tilt, and swivel to bring the best viewing angle to every seat in a room
- Tilting Mounts: Tilt up and down to reduce glare or reflections from lights and windows
- Fixed-Position Mounts: Secure TVs tight against the wall.

*Use the SANUS MountFinder™ to determine the best TV wall mount for you: [sanus.com/mountfinder](http://sanus.com/mountfinder)*

Are components stored safely and securely?

Your AV setup can quickly get out of control if it lacks organization and cable management. The right piece of AV furniture will contain cable boxes, streaming media players, or Blu-ray players while reducing the risk of tipping and cord accidents.

Are cables and cords secured or concealed?

Cable management systems keep cords hidden and prevent tugging or unintentional ripping of cords that can lead to accidents. Here are two great options for maintaining cables.

**SA304 - On-Wall Cable Management System:** Holds up to eight cables, putting them tight up against the wall.

**ELM806 - In-Wall Cable Management System:** Routes all cables and power behind the wall for a flawless installation.

Are power sources protected from power surges?

Utilizing surge protectors can prevent electrical fires and damage to AV equipment.

Are un-mounted flat-panel or CRT TVs placed on low, stable pieces of furniture?

Anti-tip straps prevent tipping of un-mounted TVs when secured to a low, sturdy piece of furniture. Kids are likely to climb on or around AV furniture and dressers, making this an important safety step for any home with small children.

Is your old CRT TV stored in a safe place?

If you no longer use your CRT TV, consider removing and recycling it. To find a location to safely and easily recycle unwanted TVs, go to [greenergadgets.org](http://greenergadgets.org).

\* 2012 Safe Kids Worldwide report "A Report to the Nation on Home Safety: The Dangers of TV Tip-Overs"