

Safety Alert: Summer!

Summer can be a great time for the whole family
Here are some tips and tools for a happy and safe holiday season



Summer is well and truly on its way in Australia. The sun is shining, beaches are filling with families and tourists, outdoor festivals are all getting set to launch, and school holidays are nearly here! Summer can be the best time of the year for families, especially young children. As exciting as outdoor adventures are, there are always a few precautions and safety hazards at the ready – so it's important to make sure that you and your family

remain happy, healthy and aware of danger throughout the season.

Many families love spending the summer outdoors at the park or the beach. These are excellent environments for young children, as it can be a great way to encourage physical activity such as running, swimming and ball games. Most importantly, it's a great way to keep the kids away from the TV or computer for a few hours!

Parks and beaches can be so much fun, but there's always dangers nearby. Ensure that your children are aware that they should stay within your group, and not to wander about or speak to any strangers who may be picnicking or sunbathing nearby. Don't let your children stray out of sight, and ensure that they are always under adult supervision, particularly when swimming.



Parks can be great for families with pets, but make sure that your children know to not approach dogs or other animals – they may not be as friendly as they look, especially to strangers.

Outdoor festivals and events can be another really fun way to soak up the culture of your city – or your holiday – and are often great family-friendly days out. But big crowds can be risky, especially for young children, so make sure to keep an eye on them at all times; don't let them walk anywhere alone, and make sure that they know not to speak to strangers.

It's important to make sure that your children are always protected from the sun when they're outside. Australia is one of the most skin cancer-prone countries in the world. Not only is it important to keep your kids protected, but it's vital to encourage healthy summer habits from an early age; wearing sunscreen, protective clothing, hats and sunglasses, as well as staying hydrated and avoiding heatstroke.

Summer holiday destinations can be challenging for young families, especially those with

infants and small toddlers. Hotel rooms aren't necessarily safe for children, so it's important to bring along a few small items to make your life easier abroad!

Dreambaby® offer many tools that can be moved around the home, and are really easy to take on any holiday. Outlet plugs are an excellent tool to keep curious little fingers away from electrical sockets, and we have a variety of international covers available, ideal for holidays!



Dreambaby® Blind Cord Wind-Ups are another useful and small item to take away with you, as many hotels have large drapes with lengthy cords. Cords can be highly dangerous, as children can become entangled or choke – particularly if they are exploring their new hotel surroundings.



Dreambaby®'s many locks and latches are also ideal for holidays, as these are portable, lightweight, and the perfect tool to protect children from opening hotel drawers or medicine cabinets, which may be less secure than those at home.



With a few simple safety warnings, cautionary clothing and holiday tools, these summer holidays can be fun, exciting and stress free for the whole family.