

The following is provided in an effort to assist practitioners in developing child safety guidelines in their office.

Note: This does not represent legal advice. Federal regulations and laws of individual states should be evaluated to ensure compliance.

Child Safety Guidelines*

- Mechanical tables (e.g. treatment tables with electrical or other moving parts) must have safety/emergency stop features such as a “kill switch” or button.
- Children must be supervised by an adult other than the patient when mechanical tables or similar devices are being utilized.
- Children should never be left to wander unsupervised within the facility.
- If you use acupuncture needles or other materials requiring bio-hazardous waste disposal, all Sharps containers and small objects should be removed from spaces easily reachable by a child.
- Unused electrical outlets should be covered with a safety plug.
- Be cautious of water dispensers that have both hot and cold features. Make sure they have a safety feature
- Wires and/or cords should not be within reach of children.
- Your facility should routinely validate that all equipment is operating properly.
- Bookshelves and other large pieces of furniture should be secured and protected against toppling over if a child tries to climb or pull on them.
- Never leave a child on a table unattended.
- Warning signs should be posted about the potential dangers to children of touching equipment; allow parents to be aware of the potential hazards of equipment in the facility.

*Child/Children within the context of this procedure document are defined as 12 and under.