

# STUDY: BABY GATE INJURIES HAVE NEARLY QUADRUPLED

Gates that are meant to protect children actually send 1,800 a year to the hospital



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<b>SUGGESTED TEASE</b>	THEY'RE MEANT TO PROTECT YOUNG CHILDREN, BUT A NEWLY PUBLISHED STUDY SHOWS BABY GATES ARE SENDING A GROWING NUMBER OF KIDS TO THE HOSPITAL. DETAILS NEXT IN HEALTH NEWS.
<b>ANCHOR LEAD</b>	<p>BABY GATES ARE DESIGNED PROTECT CHILDREN FROM DANGERS AROUND THE HOUSE, BUT A NEWLY PUBLISHED STUDY SHOWS THAT BABY GATES <i>THEMSELVES</i> CAN BE A PROBLEM.</p> <p>THE STUDY LOOKED AT NATIONAL DATA OVER 20 YEARS AND FOUND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN TAKEN TO EMERGENCY ROOMS BECAUSE OF BABY GATE INJURIES HAVE NEARLY QUADRUPLED.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>WITH MORE ON THE STUDY AND TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE, HERE'S CLARK POWELL.</p>
	(Nats - Mom with baby) :02
<b>CG: Courtesy: Nationwide Children's Hospital</b>  Shots of Jessica reading to toddler	AS A PEDIATRIC NURSE AND MOM, JESSICA FANNON KNOWS FIRSTHAND HOW COMMON INJURIES AROUND THE HOUSE CAN BE. :06
<b>CG: Jessica Fannon Mother :06 - :14</b>	"I thought my whole house was child proofed. I'm a nurse, I do all this, I don't think anything can happen to my child, and it did." :08
Shots of Emma  Close up of rubber stopper on gate Shots of stairs	<p>IN AN INSTANT, JESSICA'S DAUGHTER PUSHED PAST A BABY GATE AND TUMBLED DOWN 14 STEPS.</p> <p>AND A NEWLY PUBLISHED STUDY BY NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SHOWS INJURIES LIKE THOSE ARE BECOMING MORE COMMON. :11</p>
<b>CG: Lara McKenzie, PhD Nationwide Children's Hospital :25 - :36</b>	"Despite the voluntary standards and the recalls that we've seen for gates, we're still seeing a really significant increase in the number of injuries related to gates." :10

<p>Shots of Lara at her desk</p> <p>(Graphic)  (banner) Study 1990 - 2010  37,673 children were treated  for baby gate-related injuries  Number of injuries nearly quadrupled  Under 2 mostly hurt falling down stairs  Ages 2-6 cut or bruised climbing on gates</p>	<p>LARA MC-KENZIE LED THE STUDY.  FROM 1990 THROUGH 2010 MORE THAN 37-THOUSAND CHILDREN WERE TREATED IN EMERGENCY ROOMS FOR BABY GATE-RELATED INJURIES.  DURING THAT SPAN, THE NUMBER OF INJURIES NEARLY QUADRUPLED.  KIDS UNDER TWO WERE MOSTLY HURT FALLING DOWN STAIRS WHILE THOSE AGES 2-6 CUT OR BRUISED THEMSELVES CLIMBING ON GATES . :20</p>
	<p>(Nats - installing gate into wall) :01</p>
<p>Shots of installing gate</p>	<p>DESPITE THESE FINDINGS, MC-KENZIE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS FAMILIES CONTINUE TO USE STAIR GATES - WITH PROPER PRECAUTIONS. :06</p>
<p><b>Lara McKenzie (CG'd earlier)</b></p>	<p>“Pressure mounted gates are great at the bottom of the stairs or between rooms, but you don’t want to use a pressure mounted gate at the top of the stairs because they’re too easily pushed through.” :08</p>
<p>Shots of Emma and mom walking up steps</p>	<p>WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO JESSICA’S DAUGHTER. :02</p>
<p><b>Jessica (CG'd earlier)</b></p>	<p>“Luckily, she ended up being okay. They assessed her, did scans, she was totally fine. But I was very lucky.” :08</p>
<p>Shots of both on couch reading</p>	<p>AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, THIS IS CLARK POWELL REPORTING. :03</p>
<p><b>ANCHOR TAG</b></p>	<p>THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO FEDERALLY MANDATED REGULATIONS FOR GATE DESIGN IN THE U.S. EXPERTS SAY IF YOU NEED A GATE FOR YOUR BABY, MAKE SURE OLDER CHILDREN DON’T CLIMB OVER OR OPEN THEM.</p>
<p> <b>Share it! Suggested tweet:</b></p>	<p>Study by experts <a href="#">@nationwidekids</a> shows baby gate-related injuries have nearly quadrupled. Details: <a href="http://bit.ly/OrZ2KV">bit.ly/OrZ2KV</a></p>
<p> <b>Suggested post:</b></p>	<p>Baby gates that are supposed to keep kids safe are injuring a growing number of them. A newly published study by experts at <a href="#">Nationwide Children’s Hospital</a> shows the number of gate-related injuries has nearly quadrupled since 1990. Details, and tips to keep your kids safe, here: <a href="http://bit.ly/OrZ2KV">bit.ly/OrZ2KV</a></p>
<p><b>References -</b></p>	<p><sup>1</sup><i>Baby Gate-Related Injuries Among Children in the United States, 1990-2010, Academic Pediatrics, Volume 14, Number 3, May 2014.</i> Online: <a href="http://www.academicpedsjnl.net/article/S1876-2859(13)00426-9/abstract">http://www.academicpedsjnl.net/article/S1876-2859(13)00426-9/abstract</a></p>
	<p><b>Extra Bites</b></p>

<p><b>CG: Lara McKenzie, PhD</b> <b>Nationwide Children’s Hospital</b></p>	<p><i>McKenzie talks about the study’s findings -</i> “Over 21 years, we found about 37,000 children were injured from gate related injuries and they were treated in emergency departments. That’s about 1,800 a year injured by gates.” :09</p> <p><i>McKenzie talks about the growth in gate-related injuries -</i> “The incidence of gate related injuries actually quadrupled during the study period. That was 1990 to 2010.” :05</p> <p><i>McKenzie talks about the challenges of finding the right style of gate -</i> “I think it’s just a process of trial and error. Unfortunately, we have not made it very easy yet for parents to do this.” :06</p> <p><i>McKenzie talks about the importance wall-mounted gates -</i> “The top of the steps we recommend using a mounted gate, not a pressure mounted gate. One that is actually installed. So you’re going to be screwing something into the wall or the railing to secure that gate.” :11</p>
<p><b>CG: Jessica Fannon</b> <b>Toddler injured by baby gate</b></p>	<p><i>Jessica talks about the day her daughter fell through a gate -</i> “She was playing right where I was folding laundry. I heard lots thumps, little baby thumps, and I knew immediately. I just knew what was going on.” :10</p> <p><i>Jessica says she was surprised how easily her daughter was hurt -</i> “She was only 9 months old. She couldn’t even walk at this point. She could crawl and pull herself up, obviously on the gate and shake it, but she could not walk.” :07</p>
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