

# Consumer Product Safety Alert

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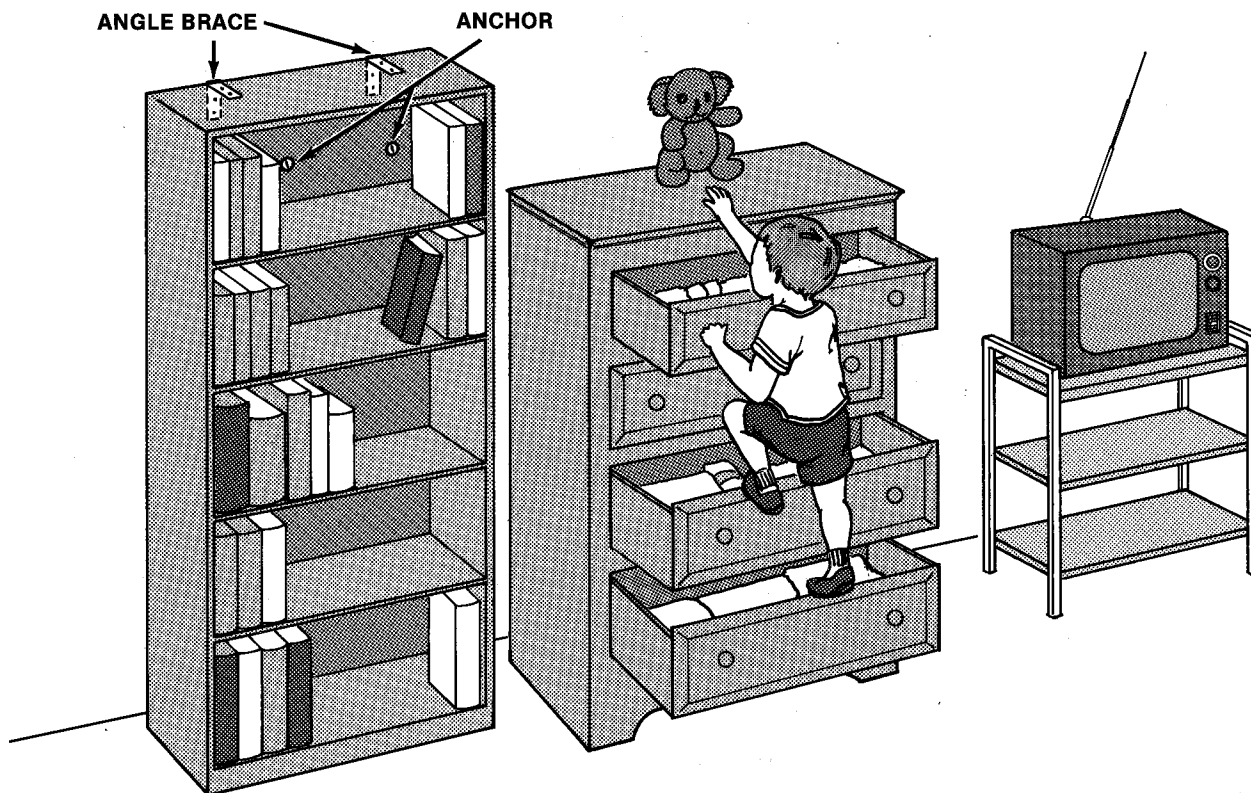
## HIDDEN HAZARDS IN THE HOME

# Furniture Can Tip Over On Children

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 8,000 to 10,000 victims are treated annually in U.S. hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with the tipover of furniture. CPSC also receives reports of about 6 deaths each year. The majority of these injuries and deaths are to children.

These injuries and deaths frequently occur when children climb onto, fall against, or pull themselves up on such items as shelves, bookcases, dressers, bureaus, desks, chests, and television stands. In some cases, televisions on furniture tip over. Children often climb up the open drawers of furniture.

Place TVs on lower furniture, as far back as possible. Use angle-braces or anchors to secure furniture to the wall.



## **⚠️ WARNING**

**Young children can be killed when furniture tips over.**

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