



Survey 04 - TVs and Tipovers

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Thank you for choosing to participate in this survey, which will ask you about the placement of the largest television in your home. We want to learn more about television installations because children have been seriously injured and killed by falling TVs. We hope to learn more about the placement of televisions in homes to help us determine easy and effective methods for anchoring them.

It is important for us to get the most accurate responses possible on every question, even for those questions that may seem unimportant to you. So please think carefully about each question before answering. Also, to avoid influencing other people's responses, please do not discuss this survey with anyone until after the survey expires on [ENTER DATE].

All questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required. The amount of time needed to complete this survey depends somewhat on your answers, but it should take less than 10 minutes. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or have any suggestions for reducing the time, please send them to us at cof@cpsc.gov.

To navigate through the survey, please use the buttons provided on the survey pages. Do not use your browser's Back and Forward buttons. Clicking CANCEL will close the survey. However, the responses you have provided up to that point will be saved so that you can log back into the Forum anytime before [ENTER DATE] to complete it.

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1. Three basic types of televisions are traditional tube (CRT), flat-panel (LCD, LED, or plasma), and rear-projection televisions. What type of television do you own? If you own more than one TV, please answer based on the one with the largest screen size that you still use.
 - Tube (CRT)
 - Flat-panel LCD, LED, or plasma
 - Rear projection
 - Other (please specify)

2. What is the approximate screen size of the TV, measured diagonally?
 - Less than 20 inches
 - 20 to 29 inches
 - 30 to 39 inches
 - 40 to 49 inches
 - 50 to 59 inches
 - 60 inches or larger
 - I don't know

3. What is the approximate depth of the TV, from the front of the screen to the very back of the TV?
Note that some tube (CRT) televisions can be as deep as their diagonal screen size.
 - Less than 6 inches
 - 6 to 11 inches
 - 12 to 23 inches
 - 24 inches (2 feet) or more
 - I don't know

4. Is the back of your television against or near a wall? ^{*}
 - Yes
 - No
 - I'm not sure (please explain)

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5. Which of the following best describes the type of wall behind your TV?

- Drywall
- Drywall with wood wainscoting
- Plaster
- Plaster with wood wainscoting
- Glass blocks/bricks
- Stone
- Concrete
- Metal
- Wood paneling
- Logs
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

6. What kind of baseboard, if any, is near the floor on the wall behind your TV?

- The wall has no baseboard
- Wood baseboard
- Vinyl or plastic baseboard
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

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7. Is your TV attached to a wall mount, ceiling mount, or similar TV mount, or does it sit directly on its own base (freestanding)?*
- The TV is attached to a wall mount, ceiling mount, or similar mount.
 - The TV sits on its own base (is freestanding) and is not attached to a mount.
 - I don't know.
 - Other (please specify)

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8. Which of the following best describes the location of the TV?*

- Inside a piece of furniture (for example, an entertainment center, cabinet, armoire, or bookcase)
- On top of furniture (for example, on a TV stand or dresser)
- On the floor
- On a countertop
- Other (please specify)

9. About how high off the floor is your TV, measured from the floor to the bottom of the TV?

Please enter your response in feet and inches, if possible. For example, if the bottom of the TV is 5 1/2 feet off the floor, enter 5 after "Feet =" and 6 after "Inches =." If the TV is located on the floor, please enter 0.

Feet =

Inches =

10. Which of the following best describes the base of the TV?

- The TV stands on a built-in swivel base.
- The TV stands on a built-in stationary base that cannot pivot or swivel.
- The TV has a stationary base, but sits on a swivel platform or similar object that allows the TV to pivot.
- I don't know.
- Other (please specify)

11. Is your television secured to a wall, the floor, a piece of furniture, or some other object to keep it from tipping over?*

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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12. How is your TV secured?

- Strap or tether connecting the TV to the wall
- Strap or tether connecting the TV to the floor
- Other (please specify)

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13. Which of the following best describes the type of furniture in which, or on which, the TV is placed?

- Entertainment center
- TV stand or cart
- Dresser, chest of drawers, or bureau
- Bookcase, shelving, or cabinet
- Other (please specify)

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14. Which of the following best describes the surface or type of flooring under the furniture?

- Wall-to-wall carpet
- Hardwood
- Tile
- Linoleum
- Rug on top of carpet
- Rug on top of hard surface such as hardwood or tile
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

15. Is the furniture that holds your television secured to a wall, the floor, or some other object to keep it from tipping over*?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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16. How is the furniture that holds your TV secured?

- Strap or tether connecting the furniture to the wall
- Strap or tether connecting the furniture to the floor
- Furniture bolted or screwed to the wall
- Furniture bolted or screwed to the floor
- Other (please specify)

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The CPSC staff estimates that 42,700 people were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms in 2006 because of injuries associated with television, furniture, and appliance tipovers. Additionally, the CPSC staff has received reports of 180 deaths related to tipovers that occurred from 2000 to 2006.

To help prevent tipovers with televisions, furniture, and large appliances, the CPSC staff recommends the following:

- Attach your TV to a wall mount, ceiling mount, or similar mount when possible.
- Place free-standing TVs on a sturdy, low-rise base as far back as possible. Avoid flimsy shelves. Use the anchor devices that are provided with most large, flat-screen TVs.
- Place the electrical cords on TVs out of a child's reach, and teach kids not to play with them.
- Keep remote controls and other attractive items off TV stands or other furniture holding the TV so kids will not be tempted to climb and grab for them and risk knocking the TV over.
- Make sure all furniture is stable on its own. For added security, anchor chests, dressers, TV stands, bookcases, and entertainment units to the floor or wall.
- Make sure free-standing ranges and stoves are installed with anti-tip brackets.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. To end this survey, please click DONE.