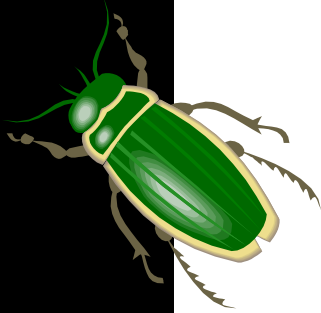


Kids In!

Bugs Out



WINDOW SCREEN SAFETY

Avoiding a Summertime Fall

Each year, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responds to incidents involving children falling out of windows. Most of these incidents occur during the spring and summer months when parents are opening their windows due to warmer weather. In the most serious of cases, children have fallen from second-story windows and have been transported to a hospital.



Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Amica Insurance remind you that window screens are designed to keep **Bugs Out not Kids In!** Screens are not strong enough to withstand the weight of a child, even a young toddler.

To help you avoid a tragedy, we encourage you to take some simple precautions:

- ✓ Talk to your children about the risk of window falls and remind them to stay away from windows.
- ✓ Keep furniture (beds, dressers, shelves) away from windows to reduce your child's temptation to climb near the window.
- ✓ Install safety devices to limit how far your windows open. These include wooden dowels and small metal locking clips available at home improvement stores. ***NOTE: Whatever device you use, ensure that it is easily removed should you have to exit your home due to fire!***



For more safety tips, visit our Play It Safe webpage at www.katu.com

