



# Household Safety Checklist for Dogs



## GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SAFETY

- Electrical cables are tucked away or secured (to prevent chewing)
  - Sockets are covered when not in use (especially at floor level)
  - Cleaning products are stored in locked or high-up cupboards
  - Sharp objects (scissors, knives, tools) are out of reach
  - Small or swallowable items (coins, batteries, sewing materials) are kept out of reach
  - No access to bins or waste (consider pedal bins with secure lids)
  - Houseplants are checked for toxicity (e.g. lilies, aloe vera, sago palm)
  - Open windows and balconies are secure and not easily accessible
  - Air fresheners and diffusers are used cautiously (some are harmful to dogs)
  - Fireplaces are screened or blocked when in use or unattended
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## KITCHEN

- Cupboards with food are secured or out of reach
  - Chocolate, grapes, onions, raisins, and other toxic foods are stored safely
  - Hot hobs, ovens, and appliances are off and/or inaccessible
  - Dishwasher doors are kept closed when loaded with dirty dishes
  - Knives and utensils are not left unattended on counters
  - Rubbish and compost bins are secure or out of reach
  - Food left out is not within reach (especially during prep or mealtimes)
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## LIVING ROOM

- Loose wires (TVs, lamps, chargers) are tucked away
- Candles, oil burners, and diffusers are placed where they can't be knocked over
- Remote controls and electronics are not left where they could be chewed
- Rugs are secured to prevent slipping or tripping
- Low shelves and coffee tables don't hold dangerous objects
- Toys and children's items are picked up and stored when not in use
- Dogs have a safe, quiet space to retreat to when needed



## BEDROOM

- Medications are kept in drawers or secure cabinets
  - Jewellery, buttons, and small objects are not left on bedside tables
  - Scented products (candles, oils, potpourri) are kept out of reach
  - Shoes and clothing with drawstrings are stored away
  - Under-bed spaces are checked for clutter or unsafe items
  - Beds are accessible or blocked, depending on your dog's needs
  - Windows and blinds (cords especially) are made safe
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## BATHROOM

- Toilet lid stays down when not in use
  - Cleaning supplies are kept in cupboards (not on the floor)
  - Medications and cosmetics are secured
  - Rubbish bin is small and has a lid
  - Bath oils, shampoos, and soaps are out of reach
  - Floor mats are non-slip
  - Taps are checked for drips (some dogs try to drink from them)
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## HALLWAYS & STAIRS

- Stairs are fitted with gates if needed (for puppies or older dogs)
  - Hallways are well-lit to avoid night-time accidents
  - Coats and bags don't contain loose food or medication
  - Shoes are stored away if your dog is prone to chewing
  - Slippery floors have rugs or runners to help with grip
  - Deliveries or post can't be accessed or shredded by the dog
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## GARDEN OR OUTDOOR SPACE

- Fencing is secure and high enough to prevent escape
  - Gates are kept locked or latched
  - Harmful plants and bulbs (e.g. daffodils, foxglove, yew) are identified and removed
  - Compost heaps are covered or fenced off
  - Pesticides, weedkillers, and fertilisers are stored safely
  - Tools and garden equipment are kept in a shed or cupboard
  - Garden ponds or water features are covered or shallow
  - Dog-safe shade and water is available in summer
  - Grit, antifreeze, or salt used in winter is pet-safe or washed off paws
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## GARAGE OR UTILITY ROOM

- Antifreeze, paint, oil, and other chemicals are stored securely
  - Sharp tools or power equipment are stored out of reach
  - Washing machine and tumble dryer doors are closed
  - Laundry detergents and pods are stored in cupboards
  - Pet food is stored in sealed containers to avoid scavenging
  - Freezers or fridges are kept closed and sealed
  - No open bags or bins are accessible
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## WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT HOME

- Your dog has a safe space or crate to relax in
  - All doors, bins, and cupboards are secure
  - No food is left on worktops or tables
  - Electricals are unplugged where appropriate
  - Dangerous items are stored or out of reach
  - A trusted person can access the home in case of emergency
  - If using pet sitters or walkers, they are briefed on safety rules
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## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Microchip and ID tag details are up to date
- First aid kit for pets is kept at home
- Emergency vet details are saved in your phone and noted at home
- You have a list of common toxic foods/plants on hand (or on the fridge)
- Puppy-proofing is revisited regularly as your dog grows or ages
- Older dogs have easy access to food, water, and resting spots