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SIMPLE SAFETY SOLUTIONS

**Make sure my fingers
don't get trapped**

Every month, over 2,500 children are rushed to hospital because we've had our fingers shut in doors – or drawers – by mistake. **Half, like me, are under five.**

Most accidents happen at home but car doors hurt us too. Sometimes, it's so bad the top of our finger is almost chopped off – and that's really nasty.

How can it happen?

- Our fingers are between the door and the frame – either near the handle or on the hinge side of the door
- Our fingers get caught in sliding doors or a closing drawer.

Why does it happen?

- No-one sees our fingers are there when they close the door
- We're fighting with our brother or sister and they slam a door to shut us out – not knowing our fingers will get trapped
- The wind blows a door shut.

Keep our fingers safe

You can buy special equipment for our home to stop our fingers getting trapped.

- Some fit the latch side – or top – of the door, to stop it closing. *(Remove these at night to close the door and stop fire spreading).*

- Some fit the hinge side of the door. They either stop it closing or fill the gap between the door and the frame, so our fingers can't get in the space.
- Some are specially designed for sliding doors, like patio doors, or for cupboard doors and drawers.
- Some just prop the door open. They're not so good as we can take them out.

There's no safety equipment for car doors. So make sure our fingers are clear before closing them.

Remember...keep a close eye on young children like me, even if you've fitted equipment to stop our fingers getting trapped.

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