

Take a look at what is going on with Charlie's House! February 2015



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Charlie's House was named in honor of Charlie Horn, a 2 year old boy, who was killed in 2007 when a small dresser in his bedroom fell on him.

The mission of **Charlie's House** is to prevent injuries to children in and around the home.

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Charlie's House provides safety information, materials, and furniture straps free of charge as a way of helping keep children in our community safe. If you would like to help us

Fireplace Glass Safety

Did you know that your fireplace glass can reach temperatures of 400-700 degrees F?

According to the federal estimate, in January 2011, Fair Warning reported that more than 2,000 children ages five and under suffered burn injuries from fireplace glass from 1999 to 2009. At Children's Mercy Hospital in 2013 eighteen children below the age of 5 were admitted and or treated for contact burns from touching the glass of a fireplace. Some required surgical intervention.

On October 8th, 2012 Herald Online [published](#) that the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA) announced an industry-wide safety initiative for the [protection](#) of children and adults from burns resulting from touching glass fronts on gas fireplaces. A consumer safety education campaign and a mandatory safety standard for new gas fireplaces manufactured after January 1, 2015 are included in the safety initiative. The 2012 Hearth Consumer Survey reveals that approximately 11 million households have a gas fireplace with a glass front.

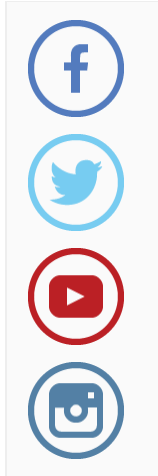
The new voluntary rule takes effect in January 2015, but companies are stepping up production of screens that can be purchased separately long before then. "They are trying to work on getting retrofits ready so consumers this cold season can go get the retrofit to protect kids now," says Consumer Product Safety Commission spokesman Scott Wolfson.

The doors can stay hot long after the fireplace is turned off.

Safety tips around gas fireplaces:

1. Supervise children, the elderly, disabled and pets near a gas fireplace, stove or inset that is in use or was recently turned off.

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2. Keep any remote controls out of the reach of children.
3. Install a switch lock to prevent children from turning on the appliance.
4. Make sure family members and guests are aware the glass panel of a gas fireplace, stove or insert can be very hot.
5. Wait for the appliance and glass panel to cool down before allowing anyone near it. Cool down can take an hour or more. Some appliances turn on and off automatically with a thermostat, so it may not be clear when a fire is turned off.
6. Be aware that metal surfaces, such as door frames and grilles, can also get hot.
7. Read the owner's manual and follow instructions.

(Source: Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association)

If you enjoy having your fireplace lit, remember that children are fascinated and attracted to the look of the fire. Place a screen in front of the glass as well, to prevent children walking up and touching the glass. Teach your children the 3 feet rule.

Keep 3 feet away from the fireplace!

Bob Fescue dances for Charlie's House



Bob Fescue will be representing Charlie's House at the Brian Anselmo Memorial Foundations' annual Dancing with the Stars, Saturday, June 13, at the Overland Park Marriott. For the better part of the last decade, "Bulldog" Bob Fescue has been entertaining Kansas City sports radio listeners by hosting "Fescue in the Morning" on 610 Sports Radio. He has become both a radio and television fixture in Kansas City. Now, with almost two

decades of experience in the Midwest, along with tremendous passion and work ethic, Bob has gained valuable insight into the Kansas City Sports Fan.

When Bob talks, people listen. People gravitate to Bob.

(Hopefully, gravity does not get the best of Bob on the dance floor!) Bob brings an infectious personality that will hopefully leave the DWTS viewers talking, just as he does daily with his radio and TV audiences.

Bob has been married to the lovely Jen since April of 2008 and they have 2 daughters: 5-year-old Delaney and 4-year-old Caydee, who can both dance better than their dad! Bob understands the importance of home safety and is thrilled to be representing Charlie's House at this annual event.

To purchase tickets for the event or vote for Bob, go to this link. <http://bmafoundation.org/>



In appreciation for all the friends and volunteers of Charlie's House, a thank you party was held on January 15th at the Granfalloon. Here are just a few of the faces of Charlie's House. Thank you to everyone who helps support our mission.

Charlie's House Golf Classic



The 2015 Charlie's House Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, May 15, Shoal Creek Golf Club. Sponsorship levels, details and registration information can be found [here](#). We hope to see you at this first-class event!

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